

HOLY WEEK IN THE PARISH



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The Complete English Text of All the Masses
and Ceremonies for the Second Sunday of
Passiontide and the Three Final Days of Holy Week

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INTRODUCTION

The reformed Holy Week was published by the Holy See in 1955. At that time it was far in advance of the level of liturgical understanding in the United States and most of the world. Since that time there has been a vast development in these matters, sparked by the Second Vatican Council and its monumental Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. This booklet is intended to bring the Holy Week rites to the level of current developments, especially the basic ideas of the Constitution that the sacred rites should be meaningful to the people and that they should be able to participate in them easily.

This booklet is intended for parish use. It contains everything that is needed for the congregation in general and for the choir. Where optional texts are given in the Holy Week Rite, a selection has been made which will adequately fill the estimated time for any particular function. Melodies intended for congregational use have been kept simple, yet composed to fit the spirit of the action. The booklet is for use in church in the actual celebration of the rites, and for study and preparation beforehand in home, school, and parish.

The booklet contains the rites for the Second Sunday of Passiontide and the three final days of Holy Week. The Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week have not been included because there is nothing for these days that would not already be contained in an ordinary daily missal.

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SECOND PASSION SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY

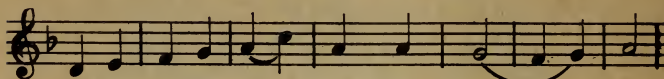
BLESSING OF THE BRANCHES

Today, Lord, the Church takes me again into those events of your life that freed me from sin and brought me into your family. This day begins the Holy Week of your life in which you showed me the meaning of holiness and love when you emptied yourself for me. I am going to trace this week again with you, beginning now with a triumph, and ending on Saturday night with another triumph. I know already, as You know when you began the first Holy Week, what a bitter and empty illusion the triumph of this first day was. It was a triumph based on people. And those people soon abandoned you. The triumph of the end of this week, the triumph of the resurrection, is based on God, and it was such a triumph that it is the greatest in the history of the world, and even today the one most widely proclaimed.

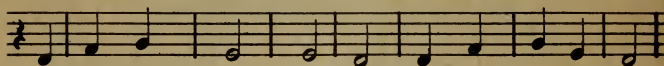
Now, today, two thousand years later, I join the people who throng to you and proclaim you the Son of David, and the King of Israel. Please accept my sincerity, and grant that I may ever remain sincere in this proclamation. Sin and neglect are the things in my life that would take me from those who truly proclaim you a King, and place me rather in the rabble that would cry in a few days for your death.

BLESSING OF PALMS

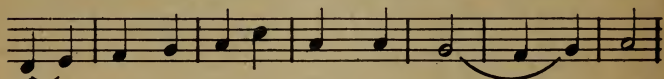
As the celebrant approaches the table holding the palms
ALL STAND and sing:



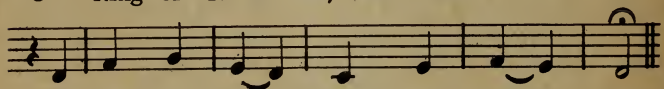
To the Son of Da - vid, Ho - san - - na !



In the Lord's name He comes, Bles - sed is He.



O King of Is - ra - el, Ho - san - - na !



To Him be glo - ry, Ho - san - na !

As soon as the celebrant faces the congregation and signals for their attention with "The Lord be with you," he sings the following prayer on one pitch.

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Let us pray. Bless, O Lord, we beg you, these palm branches. Grant that by overcoming Satan and by wholeheartedly loving your merciful deeds, your people, through utmost sincerity, may achieve spiritually, what today they enact externally. Through Christ our Lord.

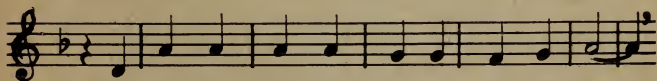
ALL: Amen.

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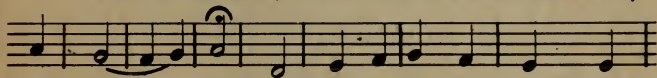
Now the Church is giving us the branches we use to proclaim you, Jesus of Nazareth, not only King of the Jews, but King of the World. I accept this branch as a sign of my inner dedication to this truth, that you are King of all men. Grant that I may always remember this, and live my life so as to express it.

The following antiphon is sung by ALL and is repeated after each verse of the psalm while the palms are distributed.

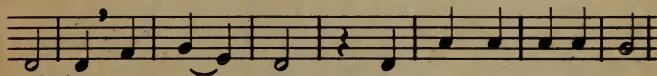
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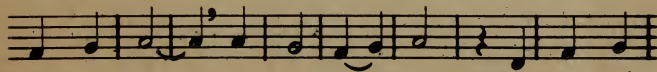
The He-brew chil-dren went to meet the Lord,



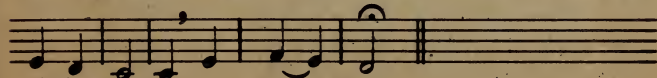
Ho - san - - - na Bran-ches of O - live tree they



bear, Ho - san - - na They run and cry a - loud



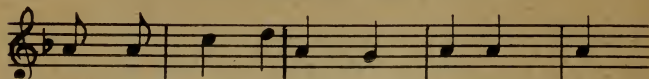
and they say, Ho - san - - - na To Him be



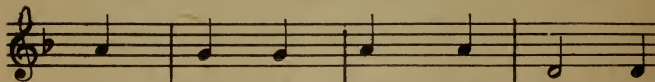
glo - ry, Ho - san - - na.

CHOIR:

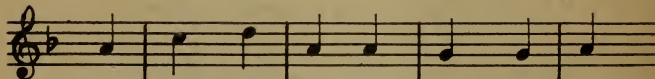
PSALM 46



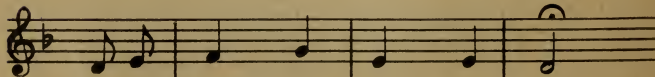
Clap your hands all you peo-ple,
 Un - der us the Lord brings peo-ples,
 Mid shouts of joy God mounts His throne,
 The King of all the earth is God,
 The Princes gathered in this place



With glad- ness shout to God,
 To our feet he brings the na - tions,
 Mid trum- pets he as- cents,
 To God sing hymns of praise,
 With the peo- ple of Abr' am's God,



The Lord is King o'er all the earth,
 Our lot for us He choos- es,
 Sing praise to God, sing praise to Him,
 O'er all the lands as Lord He reigns,
 They are of God, and guard His earth,



He is Awe - some, the Most High.
 For Ja - cob whom He loves.
 Sing praise to our King, sing praise.
 He is sea - ted on his throne.
 And the Lord God is su - preme.

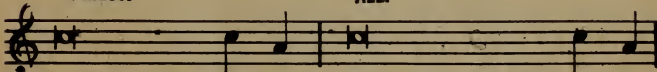
GOSPEL READING

I am about to listen to St. Matthew tell us again about your great entry into Jerusalem. I am sure he was an eye witness. He saw you that happy morning and had heard the enthusiasm of the crowd. Now let me feel that enthusiasm of your chosen followers. Let me glimpse the excitement of that morning.

PROCESSION

I am entering again, Lord Jesus, that throng which brought you to Jerusalem, and would hand you the ancient throne of David. If only this enthusiasm could last forever. Your own disciples were, within a few days, plunged to the depths of despair to see the apparent end of your reign on the cross. Spare me that despair; let me always see your will being done in whatever comes to me in this life. In this procession I sing my greetings to you, my triumphant King.

The celebrant puts incense into the thurible in the usual manner. Then, the Deacon, turning toward the people, says:

PRIEST:	ALL:
	
Procedamus in pa- ce. In nomine Christi. A-men.	
Let us go forth in peace. In Christ's name. A-men.	

The procession now takes place. The servers and celebrant lead; the people follow, carrying palms.

During the procession, all sing the following hymn.

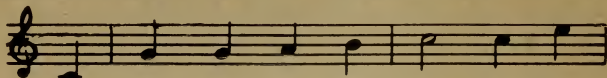
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Gloria, Laus, et Honor

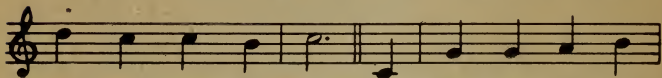
St. Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820

Tr. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.

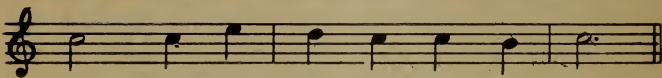
Melchior Teschner, pub. 1615



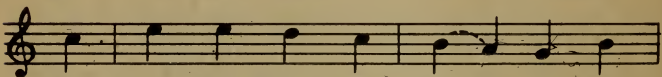
1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are
3. To thee be - fore thy Pas - sion They



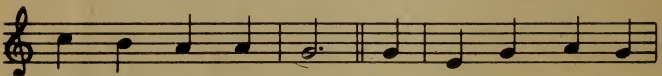
1. thee, Re - deem - er, King! To whom the lips of
2. prais - ing thee on high; And mor - tal men and
3. sang their hymns of praise: To thee, now high ex -



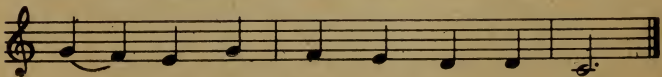
1. chil - dren Made glad ho - san - nas ring.
2. all things Cre - a - ted make re - ply.
3. alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.



1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews With
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac -

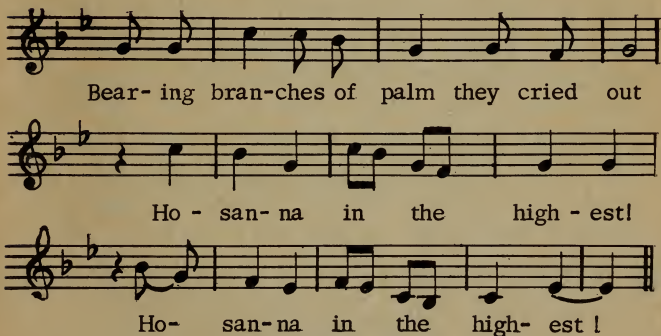


1. Da - vid's roy - al Son, Who in the Lord's Name
2. palms be - fore thee went: Our praise and prayer and
3. cept the praise we bring, Who in all good de -



1. com - est, The King and Bless - ed One.
2. an - thems Be - fore thee we pre - sent.
3. light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

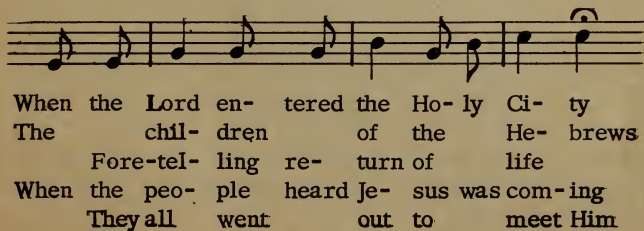
As the procession enters the church, all jubilantly sing the following antiphon. The antiphon is repeated after each choir verse.

ALL:

Bear-ing bran-ches of palm they cried out

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Ho - san - na in the high - est !

CHOIR:

When the Lord en-tered the Ho-ly Ci-ty
The chil-dren of the He-brews
Fore-tel-ling re-turn of life
When the peo-ple heard Je-sus was com-ing
They all went out to meet Him

When the celebrant reaches the altar, he sings on one pitch the concluding prayer. ALL REMAIN STANDING.

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and our King, in whose honor, carrying our palms, we have sung solemn songs of praise; mercifully grant that your grace and blessing descend wherever these palms may be carried. With your right hand protect those you have redeemed from every influence and scheme of the devil. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

THE MASS

This Mass is dominated by the theme of your sufferings. A few minutes ago I listened to St. Matthew's eye witness account of your entry into Jerusalem. Now I am going to listen to his eye witness account of your leaving Jerusalem, your degradation, and your death. He tells us how the veil of the Temple was torn in two when you died; the old world as the Jews knew it was ended. Your death also must end my old life. You have brought me life eternal, and the means to maintain and restore that life. My constant gratitude for this must prevent me from continuing in my sins.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Since the procession has already entered the church, the entrance chant is not emphasized on Palm Sunday.

The following psalm verses are simply recited together by all the faithful as Holy Mass begins:

O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

Save me from the lion's mouth; from the horns of the wild bulls, my wretched life.

My God, my God, look upon me, why have you forsaken me?

Far from my salvation are the words of my sins.

O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

Save me from the lion's mouth; from the horns of the wild bulls, my wretched life.

CHOIR: PEOPLE:



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

ALL: CHOIR:



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

PEOPLE: ALL:



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

CHOIR: PEOPLE:



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

ALL:



Lord, have mer - cy.

PRIEST: Dominus vobiscum.

ALL: Et cum spiritu tuo.

Priest: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who willed that our Savior should take upon himself our flesh, and suffer on the Cross, that all mankind might have his example of humility for their imitation: grant that we may merit both to keep in mind the lesson of his patience, and to be made partakers of his Resurrection. Per omnia saecula saeculorum: Forever and ever.

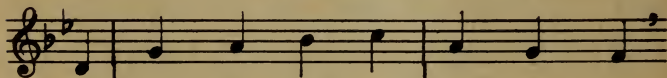
ALL: Amen.

THE EPISTLE

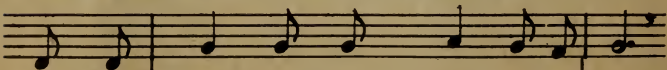
ALL SIT and listen attentively to the Scripture reading:
Christ our God, you appeared among us as a man like ourselves, and accepted suffering, humiliation and death. You accepted the suffering and punishment that should have been ours. Because you suffered willingly in payment for sin, the Father exalted you. If we suffer willingly and die to our sinful ways, we will please the Father, and like you, be exalted.

CHOIR:

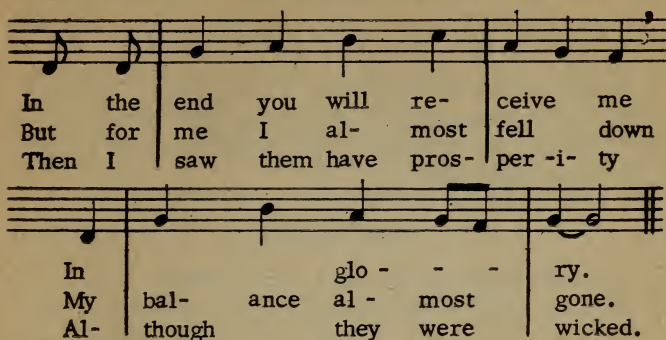
THE GRADUAL



You have hold of my right hand,
How good God is to Is- ra - el,
My feet went near from un- der me,



With your coun- sel you guide me;
To the clean of heart how good;
Since I en- vied the sin - ners;



In the end you will re- ceive me
 But for me I al- most fell down
 Then I saw them have pros- per - i- ty

In glo - - - ry.
 My bal- ance al - most gone.
 Al- though they were wicked.

TRACT

The Tract is not sung, but is recited by all.

My God, my God, look upon me: why have you forsaken me? Far from my salvation, are the words of my sins.

O my God, I cry out by day and you answer not; by night, and there is no relief. But you are enthroned in the holy place, O glory of Israel!

In you our fathers trusted; they trusted and you delivered them. To you they cried, and they escaped; in you they trusted, and they were not put to shame.

But I am a worm, not a man; the scorn of men, despised by the people. All who see me, scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads. "He relied on the Lord; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

But they look on and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. Save me from the lion's mouth; from the horns of the wild bulls, my wretched life.

You who fear the Lord, praise him: all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him.

There shall be declared to the Lord a generation to come: and the heavens shall show forth his justice. To a people that shall be born, which the Lord has made.

THE GOSPEL

STAND

Listen attentively to the story of the Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

SIT for Homily

THE CREED

STAND

PRIEST: I believe in one God.

ALL: The Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, * and of all things visible and invisible. *

And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, * the only-begotten Son of God. * Born of the Father before all ages. * God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God. * Begotten, not made, * of one substance with the Father. * By whom all things were made. * Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. * And he became flesh by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary; * and was made man. * He was also crucified for us, * suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. * And on the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. * He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. * He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. * And of his kingdom there will be no end. *

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, * who proceeds from the Father

and the Son. * Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, * and who spoke through the prophets. * And one holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. * I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. * And I await the resurrection of the dead. * And the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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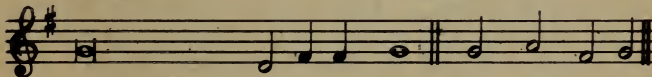
PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Let us pray.

PRIEST:

ALL:



In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, the stability of the holy churches of God, and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

For this his holy church, and for those who come to it with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

For His Holiness the Universal Pontiff N. . . , Pope of Rome, our Bishop N. . . , the venerable order of priests, the deacons in Christ, all the clergy and the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

For all of us who offer ourselves with Christ in sincere worship to our heavenly Father, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

For all who celebrate the mystery of Christ's passion and death, that we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

For heavenly peace and blessing wherever our palms are placed, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

Priest:

Look with favor, O God, on the requests of your own people, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son did not hesitate to deliver himself into the hands of sinners or to undergo the torments of the cross; through the same Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **ALL: Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The preparation of the gifts

OFFERTORY CHANT

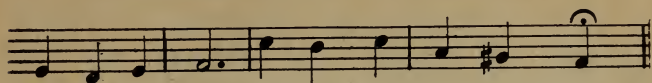
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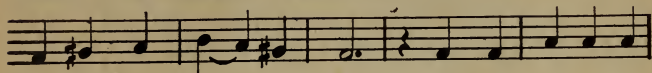
My heart has broken on insult, and I am



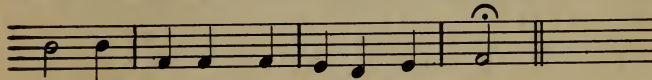
weak; I looked for sympathy and there was



none to be found. I looked for com- for - ters

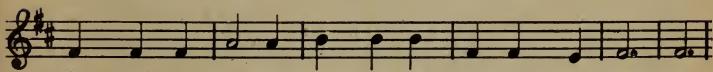


and I found none a - bout. They put gall in my

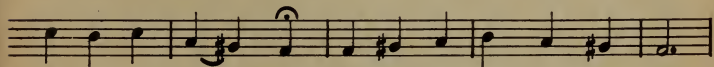


food and vin- e- gar in my drink.

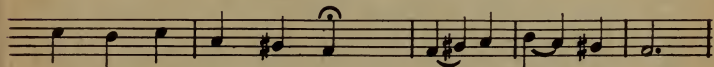
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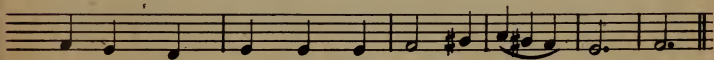
I pray to you, O Lord, for the time of your fa- vor.
Re- pay to me, O Lord, for your kind- ness a- bounds;
Come and ran- som me Lord, O Lord re- deem me.



In your great kind- ness an- swer with your con- stant help.
In your great mer- cy, O Lord, turn toward me.
To my e- ne- mies be you my an- swer.



O save me from the mire that I may not sink.
Do not hide your face, O Lord, from your servant.
You know my shame and re- proach you know my guilt.

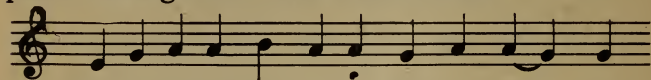


May I be saved from my foes and from the depths.
Make haste to an- swer me Lord in my dis- tress.
All my foes, O Lord, are stand- ing be- fore you.

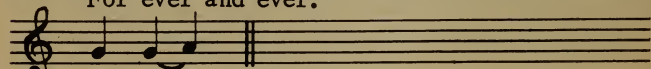
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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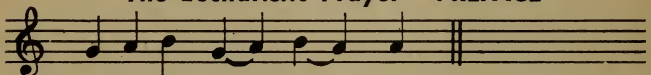
Grant, we beseech you, O Lord, that the gift now offered in the sight of your Majesty, may obtain for us both the grace of sincere prayer, and that everlasting happiness which is our life's purpose. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.



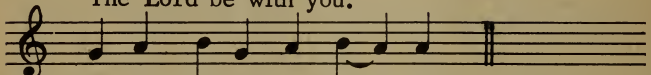
PRIEST: Per om-ni-a sae - cu-la sae-cu - lo - rum.
For ever and ever.



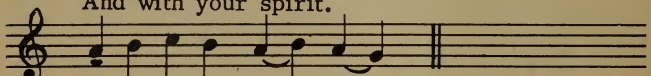
ALL: A - men.

The Eucharistic Prayer PREFACE

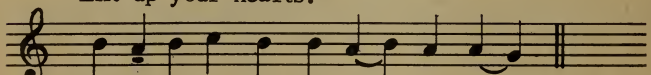
PRIEST: Do-mi-nus vo - bis - cum.
The Lord be with you.



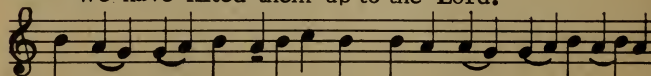
ALL: Et cum spi-ri - tu tu - o.
And with your spirit.



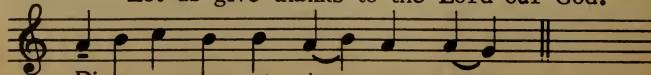
PRIEST: Sur - - sum cor- da.
Lift up your hearts.



ALL: Ha-be - - mus ad Do - mi - num.
We have lifted them up to the Lord.



Gra-ti - as a - ga - - mus Domi-no De-o nostro.
PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

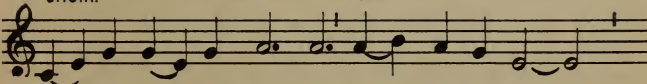


ALL: Di - - gnum et ju - stum est.
It is meet and just.

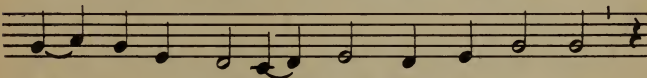
It is fitting indeed and just, right and helpful to salvation, for us always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God. You set the salvation of mankind on the wood of the Cross, so that the source of death would also become the source of life, and that he who conquered by a tree would also be overcome by a tree; through Christ our Lord. Through whom the angels praise your Majesty, the dominions worship it, and the powers stand in awe. The heavens and the heavenly throngs, and the blessed seraphim join together in celebrating their joy. We pray that you join our voices to theirs while we sing this song of praise:

SANCTUS

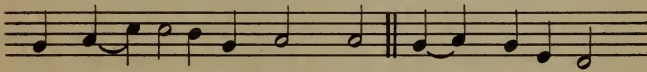
CHOIR: ALL:



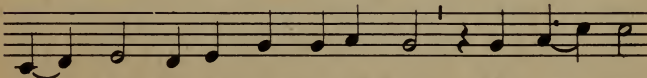
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.



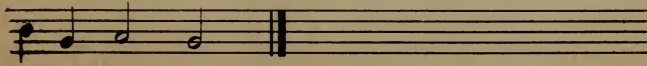
Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He



who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



in the high - est.

THE HOLY CANON

Father of mercy, we pray and ask you through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to accept and bless these creature-gifts, holy and unspotted.

First of all, we offer them—for your Holy Church; give her peace, guidance, protection, and unity with all men;—for your servants, the Pope, our Bishop, and all true teachers who guard the faith of the apostles and the Church.

Next, remember, Father, all of your servants now living, N. and N. Remember those present whom you know well.

We offer this sacrifice for them, they offer this sacrifice for themselves and theirs, one for another, for redemption, the fulfillment of their hope.

Together as one, we bring to mind the Virgin-Mother, Mary, Joseph, her spouse, the apostles and martyrs.

Let their merits and prayers constantly bring us the help of your power and protection.

God our Father, please accept this offering of the servants of your altar and your whole family, the Church.

Order peace for our days, save us from punishment without end. Put us among those whom you choose.

This offering, O God, bless it, accept it, approve it, make it perfect, make it worthy, so that it may become the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We call to mind, Almighty Father, the night before our Lord, Jesus Christ, suffered, when he took bread with his apostles, gave thanks to you, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his Apostles, he said: Take it, eat it, all of you:

FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

Similarly, after the meal, when he took the cup of wine, gave thanks to you, blessed it, and handed it to his apostles, he said: Take it, drink of it, all of you:

FOR THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD
OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT
(THE MYSTERY OF FAITH)
WHICH SHALL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU
AND FOR ALL MEN
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

As many times as you do this, do it in my memory.

So, heavenly Father, remembering the Passion of your Son, his Resurrection from the grave, his return from the place of the just, his Ascension to glory, we, your servants and your holy people offer to your Majesty a sacrifice that is perfect, holy, without spot, the Holy Bread of Life, and the Cup of Salvation; all this is yours to begin with and ours only as your gift.

Please look with favor on these offerings. Accept them as you did the offerings of our ancestors in sacrifice: our father, Abraham, your servant, Abel, your high priest, Melchisedech, who also offered bread and wine.

Almighty God, we humbly ask you to command your angel to take these offerings to the altar of heaven before your Majesty, so that all of us who eat and drink of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at this altar will have grace and blessings from heaven.

Remember all your servants now departed, N. and N. They have gone now, sealed in faith to sleep in peace.

Lord God, give light, peace and happiness to those who rest in Christ.

All of us who stand in Christ's stead are sinners, yet servants who trust in your mercy.

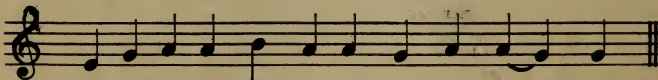
Please grant us fellowship with your apostles, and martyrs, and all your saints.

Through your forgiveness grant us their company.

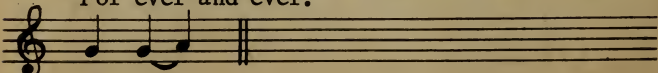
Through Christ our Lord, you create all good things and make them holy.

Now give them life, bless them, bestow them on us.

With all these good things and wonderful works brought together in our Lord, Jesus Christ, do we through him and with him, and in him give to you, God, Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and all glory forever.



PRIEST: Per om-ni-a sae - cu-la sae - cu - lo - rum.
For ever and ever.



ALL: A - men.

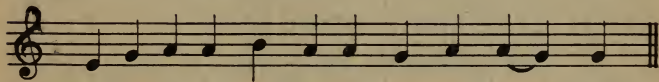
*The Eucharistic Banquet***THE LORD'S PRAYER****STAND**

PRIEST: Let us pray: Taught by our Savior's command and formed by the word of God, we dare to say:

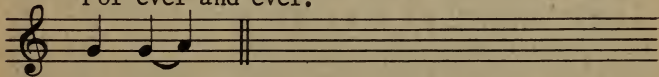
ALL: Our Father, Who art in heaven, * hallowed be Thy name * Thy kingdom come; * Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. * Give us this day our daily bread; * and forgive us our trespasses * as we forgive those who trespass against us; * and lead us not into temptation, * but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, from all evils, past and present, and to come, and at the intercession of the Blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mother of God, Mary, of your blessed apostles Peter and Paul and Andrew, and of all the saints, mercifully give peace in our days, that through the help of your loving-kindness we may always be free from sin and safe from all troubles.

Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God.



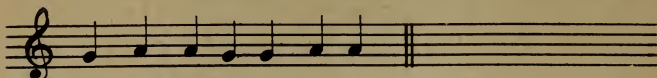
PRIEST: Per om-ni-a sae - cu - la sae - cu - lo - rum.
For ever and ever.



ALL: A - men.



PRIEST: Pax Do - mi-ni sit sem-per vo-bis - cum.
May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

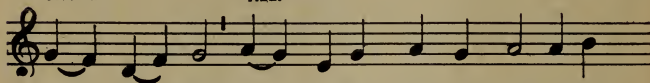


ALL: Et cum spi-ri- tu tu- o.
And with your spirit.

AGNUS DEI

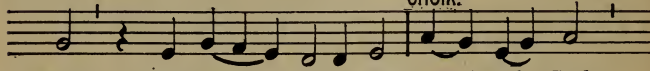
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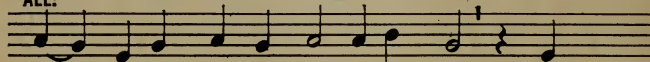
Lamb of God, who take a - way the sins of the

CHOIR:



world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,

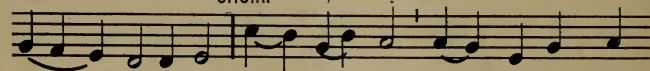
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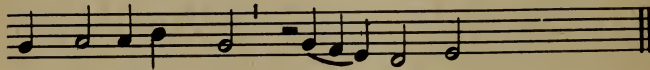
who take a - way the sins of the world, have

CHOIR:

ALL:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, who take a - way



the sins of the world, grant us peace.

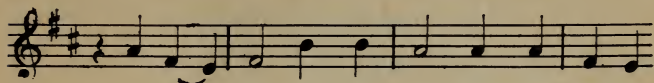
THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, * behold him
who takes away the sins of the world.

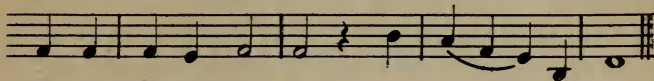
ALL (three times): Lord, I am not worthy that you
should come under my roof. * Speak but the
word and my soul will be healed.

COMMUNION CHANT

ALL STAND during the Communion procession and sing
the following antiphon. Repeat it after every psalm verse.

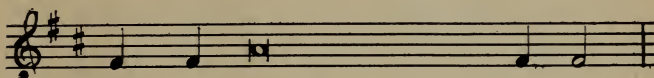


O Fa- ther, If this cup can not pass a-



way un- less I drink it, your will be done.

CHOIR:

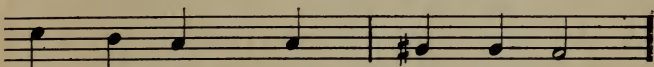


In you Lord I take re- fuge.

Be to me my rock of re- fuge.

You will free me from their snares.

You hate those who worship i- dols.

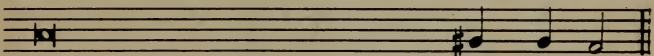


Ne- ver let me be a- shamed;

Be a strong- hold for my safety;

Be - - cause you are my refuge;

But in you, Lord, is my trust;

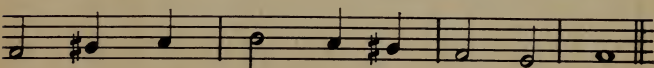


In your justice come res- cue me,

You are my rock and my for- tress,

To your hands I com- mend my soul,

I will rejoice in your kind- ness,



Hear and make haste to de- liv- er me.

Lead and guide me for your sake.

Lord, faith- ful God, you will re- deem.

When you watch o- ver me in dis- tress.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**STAND**

PRIEST: Dominus vobiscum.

ALL: Et cum spiritu tuo.

PRIEST: Let us pray. O Lord, by the working of this mystery, may our vices be purged away and our just desires fulfilled. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Per omnia saecula saeculorum: Forever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Go, the Mass is ended.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING**KNEEL**

PRIEST: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

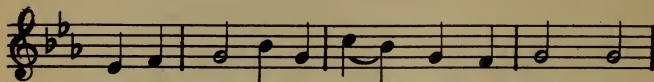
The customary joyous recessional hymn is omitted after the Mass on Palm Sunday.

HOLY THURSDAY

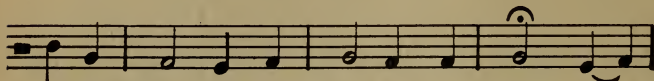
Your sentiments, Lord, on that Thursday of the Last Supper must have been feelings of great joy and deep sadness. You felt keenly the presence of those closest to you in the whole world, and you were happy to give them the greatest gift that you could, and through them to give it to the world: your own Flesh and Blood for the food of mankind. And yet there was sadness. Sadness not only at the thought of the price you would pay the next day for what you were giving your loved ones, but sadness also at the failures of your followers to live up to their calling as persons who would bear your name, the name of Christian. You pleaded with your Father this night to keep your followers always united in their love for you; you pleaded with your followers to keep faith with you. And in a few hours all but one of those disciples had abandoned you. And throughout the centuries your followers have professed to imitate you while hating their fellow men. My sentiments, then, on this renewal of the Last Supper are to feel a great happiness for this Eucharistic gift of yourself, and a great sorrow at my failings as a follower of yours.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

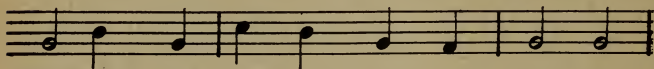
ALL STAND and sing the following antiphon



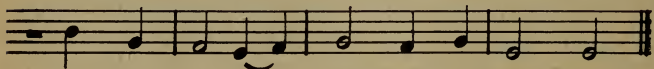
In the cross it be-hooves us to glo - ry.
May God pi-ty us and give His bles- sing.



In the cross of our Lord Je- sus Christ, In
May He let His face shine on us. May the



whom is sal- va- tion, life and glo- ry,
na- tions sing praise and be joy- ful,



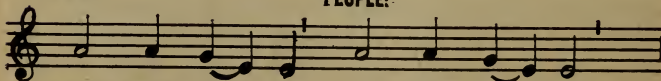
By whom we are saved and de - liv- ered.
May all peo-ple's praise you, O God.

KYRIE

Sing immediately after entrance chant

CHOIR:

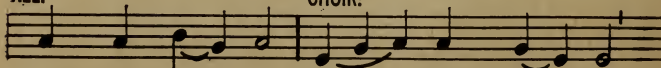
PEOPLE:



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

ALL:

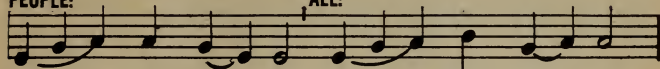
CHOIR:



Lord, have mer-- cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

PEOPLE:

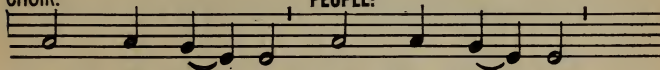
ALL:



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

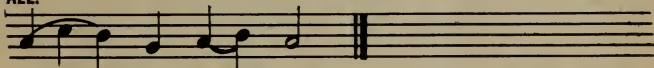
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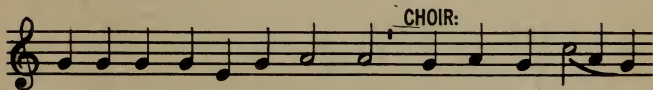


Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA

REMAIN STANDING and sing after bells are rung.

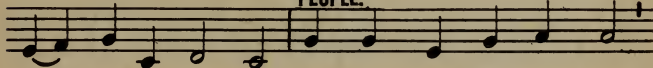
PRIEST:



CHOIR:

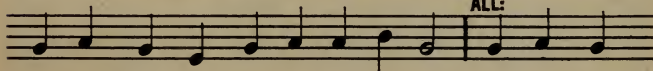
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace

PEOPLE:



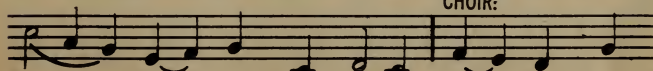
to men of good will. We praise you. We bless you.

ALL:



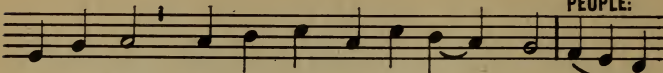
We wor-ship you. We glo-ri- fy you. We give you

CHOIR:

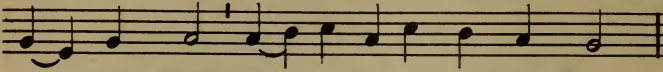


thanks for your great glo-ry. Lord God, hea-

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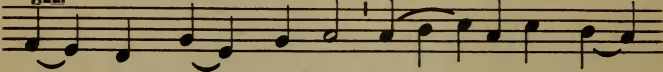


ven-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al- migh - ty. Lord



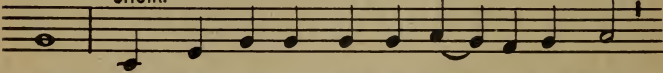
Je - sus Christ, the on- ly be- got- ten Son.

ALL:



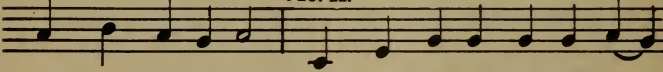
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-

CHOIR:



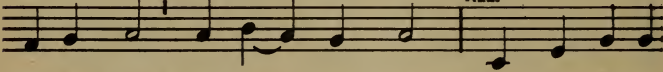
ther. You, who take a- way the sins of the world,

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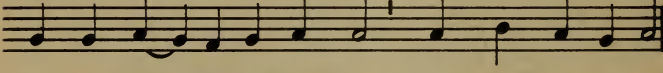


have mer- cy on us. You, who take a- way the sins

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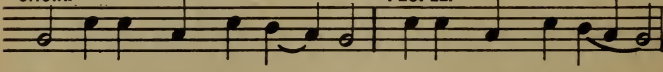
of the world, re- ceive our prayer. You, who sit at



the right hand of the Fa- ther, have mer- cy on us.

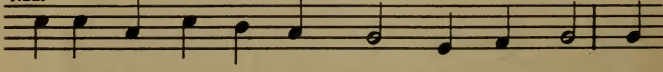
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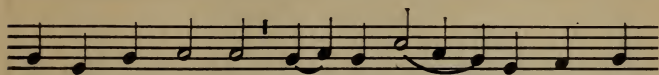


For you a- lone are ho - ly. You a- lone are Lord.

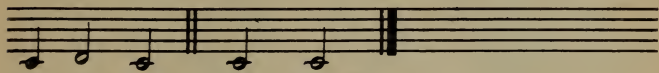
ALL:



You a- lone, O Je- sus Christ, are most high. With



the Ho- ly Spir- it, in the glo- - - ry of God



the Fa- ther. A - men.

COLLECT

PRIEST: Dominus vobiscum.

ALL: Et cum spiritu tuo.

PRIEST: Let us pray. O God, from whom Judas received the punishment of his guilt, and the thief, the reward of his confession, grant us the full fruit of your clemency, that even as in his Passion, our Lord Jesus Christ gave to each a retribution according to his merits, so, having taken away our past sins, he may bestow on us the grace of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Per omnia saecula saeculorum: Forever and ever.

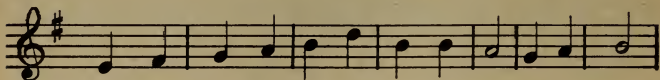
ALL: Amen.

EPISTLE

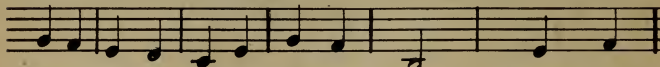
ALL SIT and listen to the scripture reading from St. Paul.

This reading, Lord, shows me that from the beginnings of the Church the greatest need was a mutual love between its members. In Corinth St. Paul had Christians who came willingly and eagerly to the Lord's Supper, but they came without love for one another. And for him this was a great scandal. This lesson is not out of date today; it is still an apt warning for your followers. It is a warning for me.

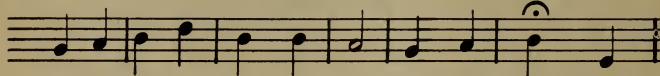
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GRADUAL CHANT

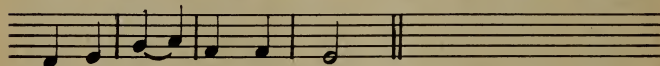
Christ be- came o- be- di- ent for us un-to death



even to the death on the cross. There- fore



God ex-al- ted him and gave him the name that



is a- bove ev- ery name.

GOSPEL**STAND**

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

Lord, let me not only hear with my ears but learn in my heart the lesson of service to others contained in this Gospel. At the Last Supper, with the knowledge of your passion pressing upon you, and with your betrayer in the company, you washed the feet of your disciples. From St. Peter's reaction, I know that they learned the lesson. May it not only be a lesson for that chosen group; may it be a lesson for me.

HOMILY**SIT**



WASHING OF THE FEET

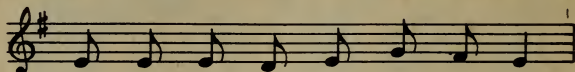
Lord, I have been instructed in the teaching you have given us. I have heard from many lips the commandments you gave. I could repeat many of them to others. But it is one thing to be told to be humble, considerate, charitable; to be told these things are all necessary to earn eternal life. But in this washing of feet I can see demonstrated a lesson in simple, direct action that is far more forceful than mere words. The bickering and jealousy of your disciples was crushed by this simple deed of yours. When I witness it now may it crush in me my pride, my ambition, my disdain for the poor and suffering. May I see here, in this action tonight, your love for all men.

ALL REMAIN SEATED and sing the following hymn during the washing of the feet.

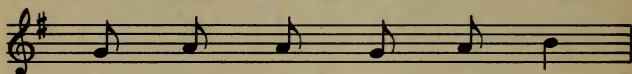
Where Charity and Love Prevail

J. Clifford Evers

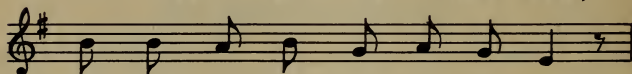
Dom Paul Benoit, O.S.B.



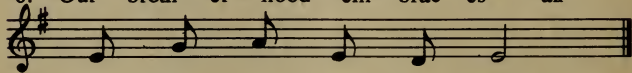
1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail
2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear
3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults
4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known,
5. Let us re - call that in our midst
6. No race nor creed can love ex - clude



1. There God is ev - er found;
2. His char - i - ty we learn;
3. As we our faults con - fess;
4. Let all con - ten - tion cease;
5. Dwells God's be - got - ten Son;
6. If hon ored be God's Name;



1. Brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love
2. Let us with heart and mind and soul
3. And let us love each oth - er well
4. Be his the glo - ry that we seek,
5. As mem - bers of his Bod - y joined
6. Our broth - er - hood em - brac - es all



1. By love are we thus bound.
2. Now love him in re - turn.
3. In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
4. Be ours his ho - ly peace.
5. We are in him made one.
6. Whose Fa - ther is the same.

After the ceremony **ALL STAND**

Our Father (silently).

PRIEST: And lead us not into temptation.

ALL: But deliver us from evil.

PRIEST: You have ordered your commandments, O Lord.

ALL: To be exactly observed.

PRIEST: You have washed the feet of your disciples.

ALL: Do not scorn our imitation of your deeds.

PRIEST: O Lord, hear my prayer.

ALL: And let my cry come to you.

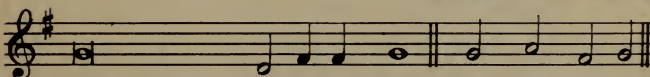
PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Let us pray. Be present, Lord, we beg you, at the performance of our service: and since you were pleased to wash the feet of your disciples, do not scorn the work of your hands which you have commanded us to perpetuate, so that as here the outward stains are washed away by us and for us, the inner sins of all of us may be blotted out by you. Who live and reign, God, forever and ever. ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

REMAIN STANDING



In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, the stability of the holy church of God; and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

For this holy church and for those who come to it with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

For His Holiness the Universal Pontiff N. . . , Pope of Rome, our Bishop N. . . , the venerable order of priests, the deacons in Christ, all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: For all of us who offer ourselves with Christ in sincere worship to our heavenly Father, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: For all who celebrate the Mystery of the Lord's Supper, when he gave us the Memorial of his Passion, that we may cherish it with thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: For the love of Christ to dwell always in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: Grant, O merciful Father, to your people, an understanding of the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, your Son, for all men, that this love may inspire all our actions; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

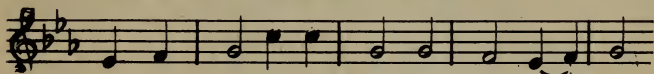
ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

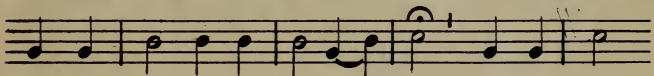
The Preparation of the Gifts

OFFERTORY CHANT

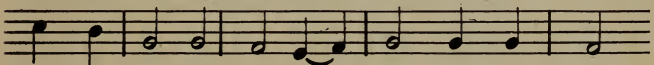
ALL SIT and sing the following antiphon.



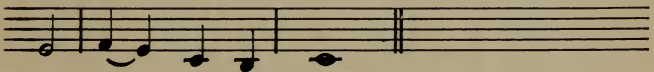
The right hand of the Lord has struck with pow'r



His right hand has ex- al- ted me; but in truth



I shall live I shall not die, and pro- claim

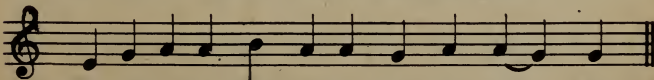


the deeds of the Lord.

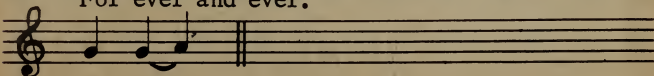
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

STAND

We beseech you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God that he himself may render our sacrifice acceptable to you, who on this day taught his disciples to enact it in commemoration of him, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.



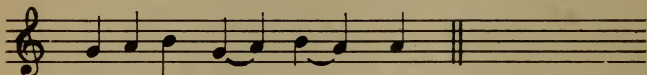
PRIEST: Per om-ni-a sae-cu-la sae-cu - lo - rum.
For ever and ever.



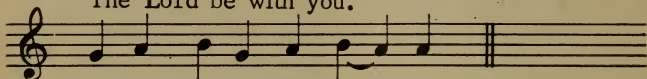
ALL: A - men.

The Eucharistic Prayer

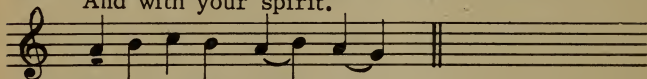
PREFACE



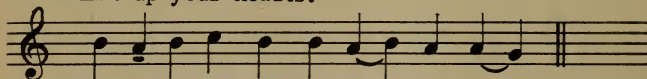
PRIEST: Do-mi-nus vo - bis - cum.
The Lord be with you.



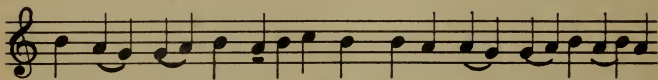
ALL: Et cum spi-ri - tu tu - o.
And with your spirit.



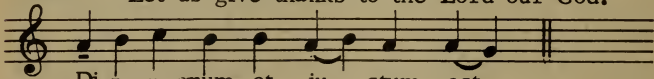
PRIEST: Sur - - sum cor- da.
Lift up your hearts.



ALL: Ha-be - - mus ad Do - mi - num.
We have lifted them up to the Lord.



Gra-ti - as a - ga - - mus Domi-no De-o nostro.
PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



ALL: Di - - gnum et ju - stum est.
It is meet and just.

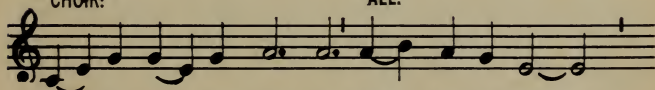
It is fitting indeed and just, right and helpful to salvation, for us always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God. You set the salvation of mankind on the wood of the Cross, so that the source of death

would also become the source of life, and that he who conquered by a tree would also be overcome by a tree; through Christ our Lord. Through whom the angels praise Your majesty, the dominions worship it, and the powers stand in awe. The heavens and the heavenly throngs, and the blessed seraphim join together in celebrating their joy. We pray that you join our voices to theirs while we sing this song of praise:

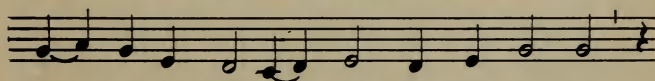
SANCTUS

CHOIR:

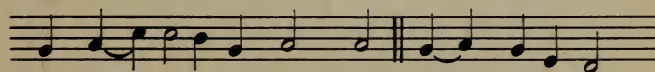
ALL:



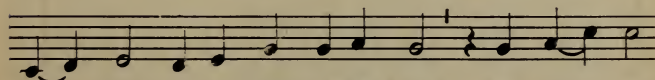
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.



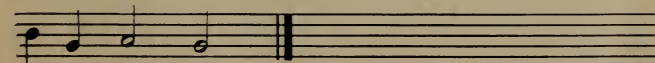
Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He



who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



in the high - est.

THE HOLY CANON**KNEEL**

Father of mercy, we pray and ask you through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to accept and bless these creature-gifts, holy and unspotted.

First of all, we offer them—for your Holy Church; give her peace, guidance, protection, and unity with all men;—for your servants, the Pope, our Bishop, and all true teachers who guard the faith of the apostles and the Church.

Next, remember, Father, all of your servants now living, N. & N. Remember those present whom you know well.

We offer this sacrifice for them, they offer this sacrifice for themselves and theirs, one for another, for redemption, the fulfillment of their hope.

Together as one, and celebrating today the very day our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed for us, we bring to mind the Virgin-Mother, Mary, Joseph, her spouse, the apostles and martyrs.

Let their merits and prayers constantly bring us the help of your power and protection.

God our Father, please accept this offering of the servants of your altar and your whole family, the Church, which we offer you on this very day when our Lord Jesus Christ charged his disciples to celebrate the Mysteries of his Body and Blood.

Order peace for our days, save us from punishment without end. Put us among those whom you choose.

This offering, O God, bless it, accept it, approve it, make it perfect, make it worthy, so that it may

become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We call to mind, Almighty Father, the night before our Lord, Jesus Christ, suffered, when he took bread with his apostles, gave thanks to you, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his apostles, he said: Take it, eat it, all of you:

FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

Similarly after the meal, when he took the cup of wine, gave thanks to you, blessed it, and handed it to his apostles, he said: Take it, drink of it, all of you:

FOR THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD
OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT
(THE MYSTERY OF FAITH)
WHICH SHALL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU
AND FOR ALL MEN
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

As many times as you do this, do it in my memory.

So, heavenly Father, remembering the Passion of your Son, his Resurrection from the grave, his return from the place of the just, his Ascension to glory, we, your servants and your holy people offer to your majesty a sacrifice that is perfect, holy, without spot, the Holy Bread of Life, and the Cup of Salvation; all this is yours to begin with and ours only as your gift.

Please look with favor on these offerings. Accept them as you did the offerings of our ancestors in sacrifice: our father, Abraham, your servant, Abel, your high priest, Melchisedech, who also offered bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Banquet

THE LORD'S PRAYER

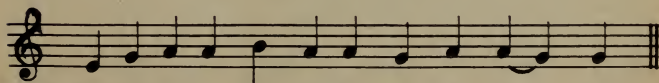
STAND

PRIEST: Let us pray: Taught by our Savior's command and formed by the word of God, we dare to say:

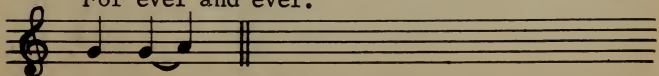
ALL: Our Father, Who art in heaven, * hallowed be Thy name * Thy kingdom come; * Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. * Give us this day our daily bread; * and forgive us our trespasses * as we forgive those who trespass against us; * and lead us not into temptation, * but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, from all evils, past and present, and to come, and at the intercession of the Blessed and glorious ever-virgin Mother of God, Mary, of your blessed Apostles Peter and Paul and Andrew, and of all the Saints, mercifully give peace in our days, that through the help of your loving-kindness we may always be free from sin and safe from all troubles.

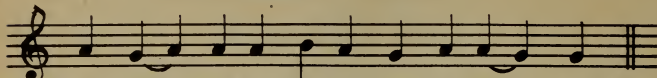
Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God.



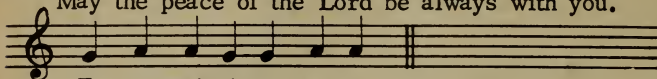
PRIEST: Per om-ni-a sae-cu-la sae-cu-lo-rum.
For ever and ever.



ALL: A - men.



PRIEST: Pax Do-mi-ni sit sem-per vo-bis - cum.
May the peace of the Lord be always with you.



ALL: Et cum spi-ri-tu tu-o.
And with your spirit.

AGNUS DEI



CHOIR: **ALL:**

Lamb of God, who take a - way the sins of the



CHOIR:
world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



ALL:
who take a - way the sins of the world, have



CHOIR: **ALL:**
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, who take a - way



the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

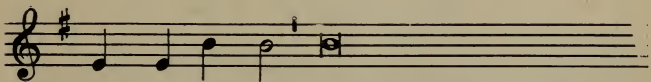
THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL KNEEL

PRIEST: Behold the Lamb of God, * behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

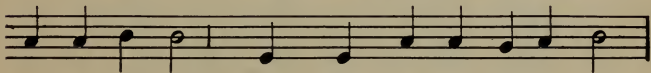
ALL (three times): Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. * Speak but the word and my soul will be healed.

COMMUNION CHANT

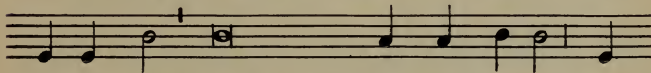
ALL STAND during the communion and sing the following antiphon.



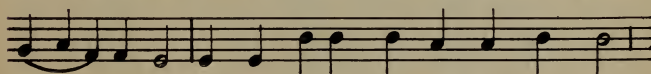
The Lord Je- sus, after He had supped with



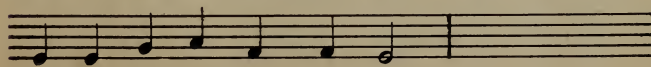
His dis- ci- ples, washed their feet and said to them:



"Do you know what I, your Lord and Master have

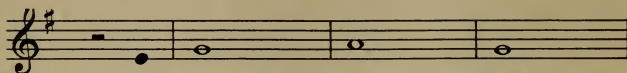


done to you? I have given you an ex- am- ple,

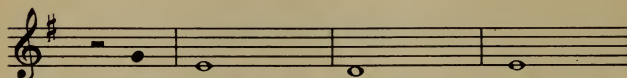


that so you al- so should do."

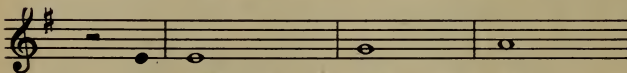
PSALM 22



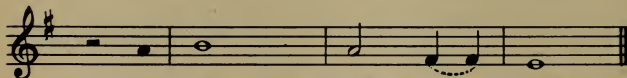
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|----|-----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|---|
| 1. | To | waters of | peace | he | leads me; | 1 |
| 2. | Though I should | walk in the | valley of | darkness | | 2 |
| 3. | You | spread | a banquet be - | fore me | | 3 |
| 4. | Surely | goodness and | kindness shall | follow me | | 4 |
| 5. | Give | glory to the | Father Al - | mighty, | | 5 |



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|----|--------|------------------|------------|---------|-------|---|
| 1. | and | there he re - | freshes my | soul. | | 1 |
| 2. | No | evil | shall I | fear; | | 2 |
| 3. | with - | in | the sight | of my | foes; | 3 |
| 4. | — | all | the days | of my | life; | 4 |
| 5. | to | Christ, his be - | lov | ed Son; | | 5 |



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|----|---------|--------------|-----------|--------------|----------|---|
| 1. | He | leads me a - | long safe | paths | | 1 |
| 2. | With | rod | and staff | you are | near me, | 2 |
| 3. | You a - | noint | my head | with | oil, | 3 |
| 4. | I will | dwel | in the | house of the | Lord | 4 |
| 5. | To the | Spirit who | guides | the | Church | 5 |



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|----|------|---------|----------|--------|----------|------|
| 1. | for | he | is true | to his | name. | 2 |
| 2. | with | these | you give | me | comfort. | 3 |
| 3. | my | cup | is o - | ver - | flowing. | 4 |
| 4. | for | ever | and ev - | er - | more. | 5 |
| 5. | both | now and | for - | ever. | A - | men. |

ALL SIT after the chant

THE POSTCOMMUNION

STAND

PRIEST: Dominus vobiscum.

ALL: Et cum spiritu tuo.

PRIEST: Let us pray. Strengthened with life-giving food, we beseech you, O Lord, our God, that what we do during our mortal life, may bring us to the reward of life immortal with you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Per omnia saecula saeculorum: forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

AT THE DISMISSAL

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Let us bless the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

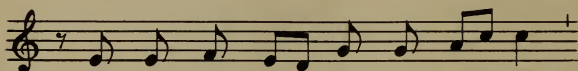
THE SOLEMN TRANSFER OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

That last paschal meal with your disciples was in a mood of mystery and gratitude at the workings of God with his people. This solemn procession at the conclusion of our Holy Thursday Mass is my last glimpse of you in glory and grandeur until I see you again triumphant at your resurrection. At the Last Supper your disciples must have sensed an air of mystery behind the great gift of the Eucharist, but they had no idea how tragic the next day would be. In the light of history I know already what was ahead, but at this moment I simply adore, from the depths of my being, the fact that you are here in these appearances of bread and wine. My Lord my God.

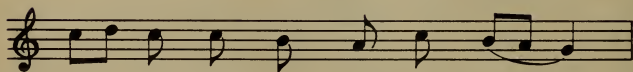
ALL KNEEL and sing this hymn during the procession.

Praise We Christ's Immortal Body

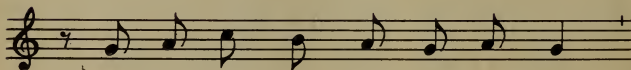
Chant



1. Praise we Christ's im - mor - tal Bod - y,
2. Com - ing forth from spot - less Vir - gin,
3. On the eve of that Last Sup - per,
4. By a word, the Word em - bod - ied
5. Hum - bly let us voice our hom - age
6. Glo - ry, hon - or, ad - o - ra - tion

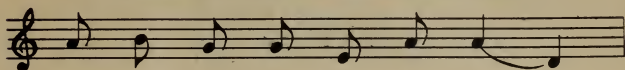


1. And his Pre - cious Blood we praise:
2. He for us was born a Man!
3. Break - ing bread with cho - sen friends,
4. Chang - es com - mon bread and wine:
5. For so great a sac - ra - ment:
6. Let us sing with one ac - cord!

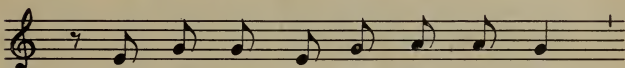


1. Born of roy - al vir - gin Moth - er,
2. Sow - ing seeds of truth a - mong us,
3. He o - beys the Law's di - rec - tions
4. Bread be - comes his ho - ly Bod - y,
5. Let all for - mer rites sur - ren - der
6. Praised be God, al - might - y Fa - ther;

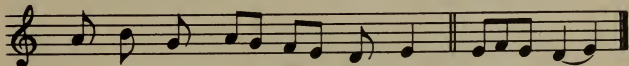
Praise We Christ's Immortal Body (*cont.*)



1. He shall reign for end - less days!
2. He ful - filled the Fa - ther's plan;
3. Ev - en as the Old Law ends.
4. Wine is made his Blood di - vine!
5. To the Lord's New Tes - ta - ment;
6. Praised be Christ, his Son, our Lord;



1. Dy - ing once to save all na - tions,
2. Then his fi - nal night up - on him,
3. Now he hands the twelve a new Bread:
4. Though this truth e - vades the sen - ses,
5. What our sen - ses fail to fath - om
6. Praised be God the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1. Ev - er - more he wins our praise!
2. Won - drous - ly that night be - gan!
3. His own Flesh with their flesh blends!
4. Faith un - veils the sa - cred sign!
5. Let us grasp through faith's con - sent!
6. Tri - une God - head be a - dored! A - men.

SOLEMN STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS

What a contrast! The great and powerful God has passed by, and now I hear again the sad lament of the inspired poet who wrote the 21st Psalm. Let the quiet of this time prompt my meditation on the mysteries of God's works among his people. The ways of God are not the ways of men, and the impulses of human nature are not what you expect of me.

Say the Antiphon and Psalm as given on pages 72-75

GOOD FRIDAY

Lord, to be present at the death or funeral of a dearly loved person is an occasion of deep sadness. Today, I am present at the commemoration of your death. My love for you, shallow though it is, makes this a sad occasion. But the sadness turns to bitterness because I know that this is not an event that involves only someone else. It involves me deeply because it is my sins that brought about your death. You died for me, that I might live. And the greatness of your sacrifice is contrasted with my own feeble repentance for the sins that caused it. I am now going to listen to the Old Testament passages that spoke of your death, and then the account of St. John. He saw this whole event unfold before his eyes. He was there in the courtyard; he was in the streets of Jerusalem as you were led through them; he was at the foot of the Cross to watch your dying agony. Let me see this bitter event through his eyes; let me suffer with him as he watched it. Let the remembrance of this death lead me to true repentance.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

KNEEL

PRIEST: O God, by the passion and death of your Son, the debt of sin has been paid for all the sons of Adam. May we resemble your Son not only in our human nature; by his sanctifying power may

we be made like him in holiness. Through the same Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

ALL SIT and attentively listen to the first reading from the book of Osee.

After the Scripture lesson **ALL REMAIN SEATED** and recite the following responsory. Habacuc, 3, 2-3

ALL: O Lord, I have heard your hearing and was afraid;

I have considered your works and trembled. In the midst of two animals you shall be made known; / when the years shall draw near. You shall be known; when the time shall come, you shall be manifested. *

When my soul shall be in trouble, you will remember mercy, / even in your wrath.

God will come from Lebanon, / and the Holy One from the shady and thickly covered mountain. *

His Majesty covered the heavens; and the earth is full of his praise.

PRIEST: Let us pray.

Let us Kneel and pray silently.

ALL KNEEL and ask for God's mercy and the grace of resurrection to eternal life.

PRIEST: Let us rise.

O God, from whom Judas received the punishment of his guilt, and the thief the reward of his confession, grant us the full fruit of your mercy, that even as in his passion our Lord Jesus Christ gave to each the needed portion of his merits, so having taken away our past sins, he may bestow on us the grace of his resurrection. Through him, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

ALL SIT and listen to the reading from book of Exodus, which tells us that the blood of the paschal lamb, slain as a victim for sin, would mark those who would be saved. The blood of Christ, shed for us, marks us for deliverance from our sins.

After the Scripture lesson all remain seated and recite the following Responsory reading.

Psalm 139

**ALL: Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men;
preserve me from violent men.**

**From those who devise evil in their hearts,
and stir up wars every day.**

**They make their tongues sharp as those of
serpents;**

the venom of asps is under their lips.

**Save me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked;
preserve me from violent men.**

Who plan to trip up my feet—

the proud who have hidden a trap for me.

They have spread cords for a net;

by the wayside they have laid snares for me.

I say to the Lord, you are my God;
hearken, O Lord, to my voice of supplication.
O Lord, my Lord, my strength and my salvation;
you are my helmet in the day of battle!
Give me not up from my desire to the wicked:
they have plotted against me. Do not forsake
me lest at any time they should triumph.
Those who surround me lift up their heads;
may the mischief which they threaten
overwhelm them.
Surely the just shall give thanks to your name;
the upright shall dwell in your presence.

GOSPEL

ALL STAND and listen to the reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

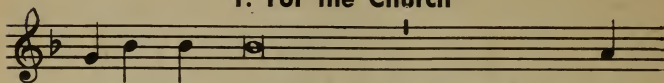
THE SOLEMN PRAYERS

Through four long chapters of his gospel, St. John has told us of your prayers and conversation at the Last Supper. We read there the causes you considered most urgent, the ones you placed most insistently before your Father as you were about to die. Now we pray again for those same causes. May our prayers be joined to yours and may all who believe in you be cleansed of sin to pray worthily, with you, to the Father. May my own prayers now be those of a sincere, repentant, follower of you.

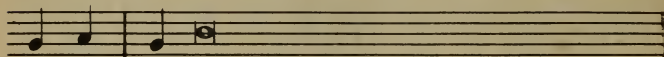
For each prayer ALL STAND while the priest sings the announcement of the intention. Then all kneel for silent prayer, after which the priest chants a formal prayer. All answer AMEN at the conclusion of each prayer.

For Paraliturgical use.

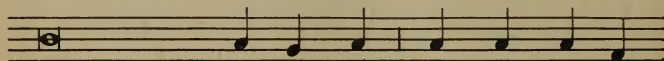
1. For the Church



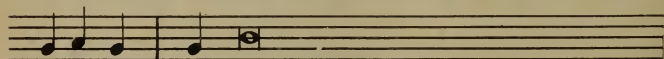
Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy church



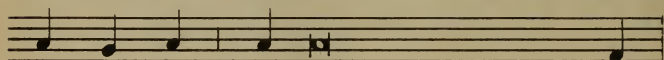
of God: that our Lord and God may grant us peace



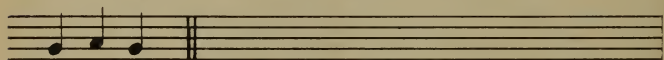
and unity throughout the world, and grant us His



protection; that He may give us grace to live our



lives in peace, and to glorify God the Father



almighty.

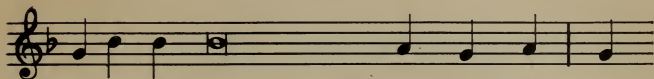
PRIEST: Let us kneel and pray silently.

Let us rise.

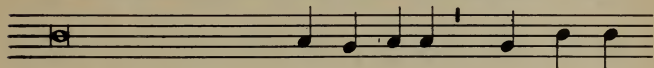
Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory to all men. Preserve always the effects of your merciful deeds, so that your world-wide Church, unwavering in faith, may persevere in praising your name. Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

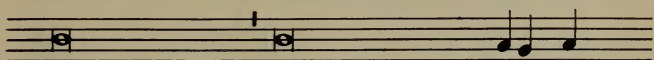
2. For the Holy Father



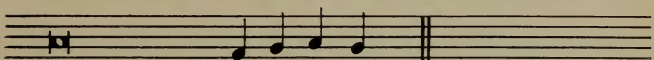
Let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Paul: that



our Lord, who chose him as bishop, may keep him



safe and unharmed for the sake of His holy church,



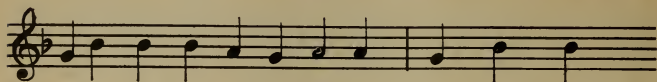
to rule the holy people of God.

PRIEST: Let us kneel and pray silently.

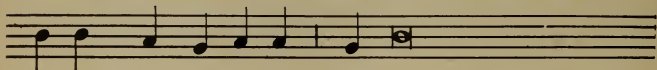
Let us rise.

Almighty and everlasting God, all creation is grounded firmly according to your wise planning. In your mercy give consideration to our prayers, and in your kindness protect the one chosen to be our Holy Father. May the Christian people, who, under your authority are ruled by this distinguished pontiff, be more and more enriched by the rewards of their willing faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

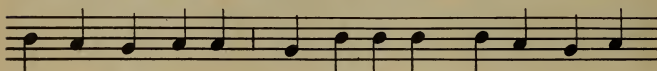
ALL: Amen.

3. For the Clergy, the Religious and all the Faithful

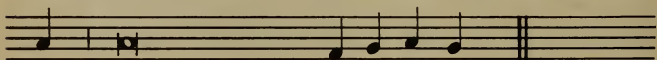
Let us pray for all our bishops: for priests and



deacons, and subdeacons; for acolytes, exorcists,



lectors and porters; for confessors, virgins and wi-



dows; and for the entire people of God.

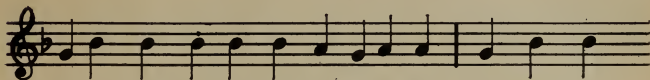
PRIEST: Let us kneel and pray silently.

Let us rise.

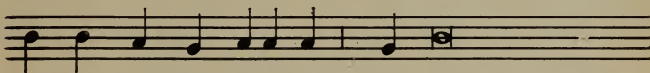
Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit, the whole body of the Church in sanctified and ruled. Hear our petitions on behalf of all clergy, religious and faithful. Through the gift of your grace, may they all serve you faithfully. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

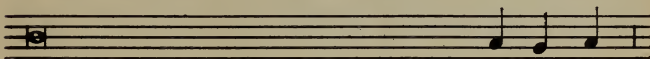
4. For Public Officials



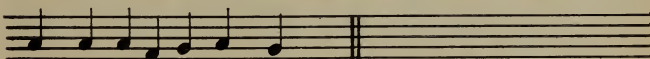
Let us pray for our public officials: for their as-



sistants and their delegates; that our Lord and God



may conform their minds and hearts to His own will



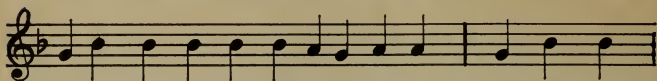
for our everlasting peace.

PRIEST: Let us kneel and pray silently.

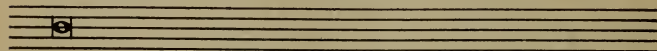
Let us rise.

Almighty and everlasting God, all powers and all rights are in your hand. Maintain a loving concern towards those who have power over us; so that, protected by your right hand, they may permanently establish religious integrity and civil order throughout the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

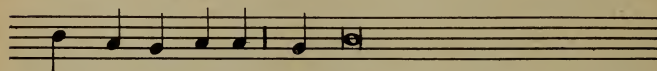
ALL: Amen.

5. For those awaiting Baptism

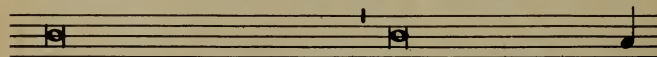
Let us pray for all our catechumens: that our Lord



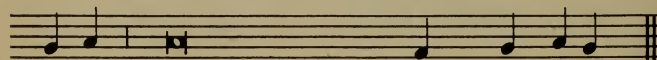
and God may open the doors of their hearts and the



gates of His mercy so that after they have received



forgiveness for all their sins through the bath of their



rebirth, they may live in our Lord, Christ Jesus.

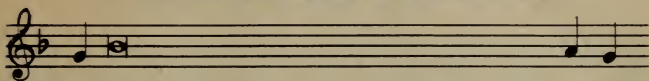
PRIEST: Let us kneel and pray silently.

Let us rise.

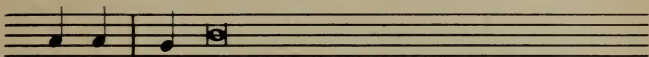
Almighty and everlasting God, you keep your Church ever fruitful through new offspring. In those to be baptized increase the light of faith and understanding, so that through their rebirth in the font of baptism, they may be joined to the flock of your adopted sons. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

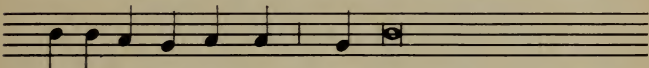
6. For all the needs of the Faithful



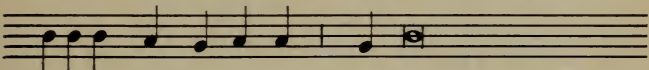
Let us pray, dearly beloved, to God the Father Al-



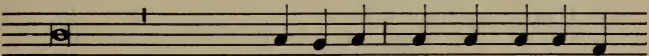
mighty: that He purge the world of all error and



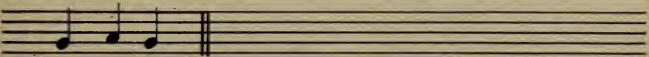
take away all sickness; that He banish hunger and



deliver those in bondage; that He give rest to the



wanderer, health to the infirm, and safe harbor to



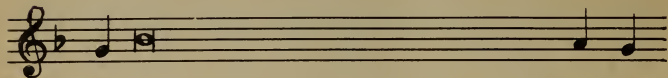
those at sea.

PRIEST: Let us kneel and pray silently.

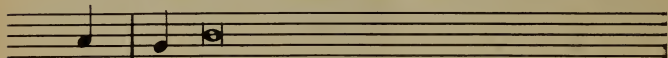
Let us rise.

Almighty and everlasting God, comfort to those who mourn and strength to those who are heavy-burdened, may the prayers of all who cry out—whatever their plight—come to you. May they all rejoice to find your mercy at hand in all their needs. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **ALL: Amen.**

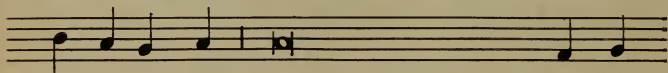
7. For the unity of Christians



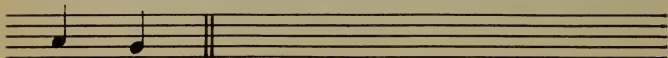
Let us pray for all our brothers who be-lieve in



Christ: that our Lord and God may reunite all those



pur-su-ing truth, and may safeguard them in His



one Church.

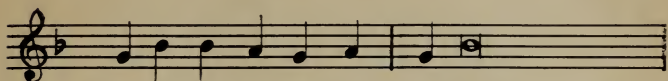
Priest: Let us kneel and pray silently.

Let us rise.

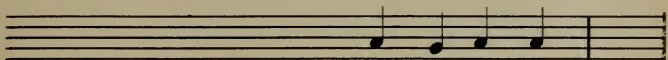
Almighty and everlasting God, who reunited those who were dispersed. look upon the lambs of your flock. May those who have been consecrated by one baptism be bound together by charity and by integrity of faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.

ALL: Amen.

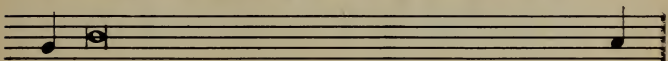
8. For the Jews



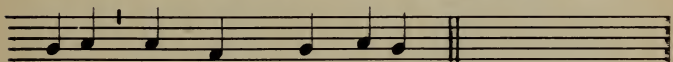
Let us pray for the Jews: that our Lord and God



will make His countenance shine up- on them,



so that they too may come to know the Redeemer



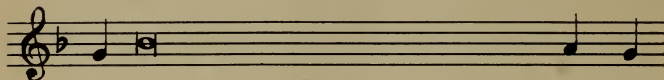
of all, our Lord, Christ Jesus.

PRIEST: Let us kneel and pray silently.

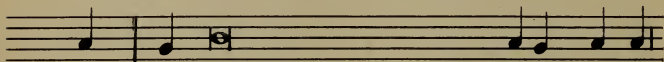
Let us rise.

Almighty and everlasting God, you made a promise to Abraham and his descendants. In your kindness hear the prayer of your Church: may they attain fullness of redemption who were once your chosen people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit world without end.

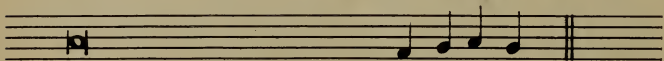
ALL: Amen.

9. For those who do not yet believe in Christ

Let us pray for those who do not yet believe in



Christ: that filled with the light of the Holy Spi-rit,



they too may walk the path of salvation.

PRIEST: Let us kneel and pray silently.

Let us rise.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given over all peoples to your most beloved Son. Unite the family of mankind in your Church so that as they seek the light of truth, they may find you, the one true God. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.

ALL: Amen.

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

I have seen the crucifix so often, my Lord, that it at times becomes commonplace. I now approach it with love, adoration and gratitude to kiss it tenderly and renew within myself the sentiments that it should inspire in me. The wood of the cross has inspired Christian minds for centuries. May this simple ceremony now rekindle in my soul the love for you that befits a Christian.

ALL STAND while the celebrant solemnly unveils the cross, a shocking reminder of our universal guilt. After the priest sings the following announcement three times, we kneel in veneration and sing the response.

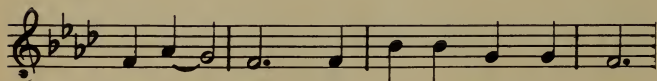
Ec-ce li- - gnum cru- - cis,
Be-hold the wood of the cross,
in quo sa - - lus mun- - - di
on which has hung
pe- pen - - dit.
the sal-va - - tion of the world.
Ve- ni- te, ad - o-
Come, let
re- - - mus.
us a - - dore.

While the priests and servers venerate the cross, ALL KNEEL and join the choir in singing and reciting the "Reproaches."

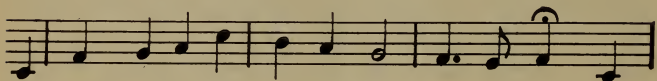
After the "Reproaches" all will sing FAITHFUL CROSS, sung to the traditional Tantum Ergo melody. During this hymn all go forward to kiss the cross as a sign of our appreciation and gratitude to him who saved us from eternal death. After veneration of the cross, ALL SIT when they return to their places.

Reproaches

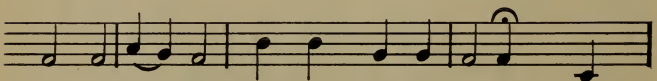
CHOIR:



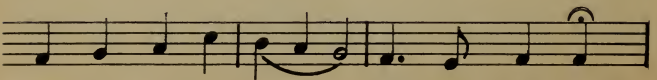
My peo - ple, what have I done to you?



In what have I of - fend - ed you, answer me. Be -

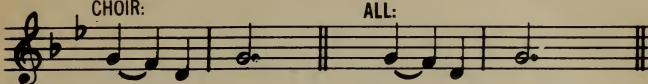


cause I led you from the land of Egypt, you



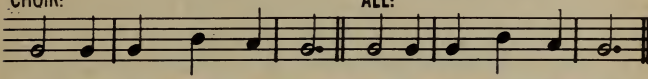
have pre - pared a cross for your Sav - ior.

CHOIR: ALL:



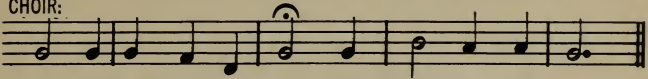
Ho- ly God. Ho- ly God.

CHOIR: ALL:



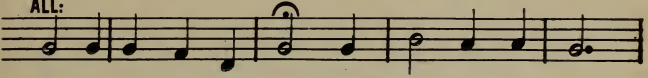
Ho- ly Al- migh- ty God. Ho- ly Al- migh- ty God.

CHOIR:



Ho- ly im- mor- tal One, have mer- cy on us.

ALL:



Ho- ly im- mor- tal One, have mer- cy on us.

ALL RECITE: - 2 -

Because I led you out through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna, and brought you into very good land, you have prepared a cross for your savior.

Repeat HOLY GOD, etc.

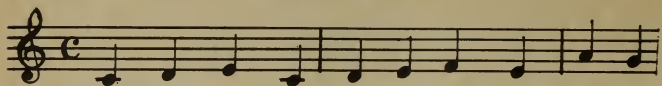
ALL RECITE: - 3 -

What more should I have done, and did it not? Behold, I have planted you as my fairest vine, and you have become very bitter to me, for you have quenched my thirst with vinegar, and with a lance you have pierced your savior's side.

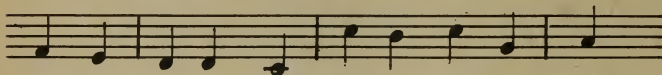
Repeat HOLY GOD, etc.

ALL:

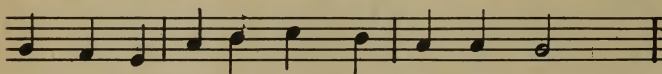
FAITHFUL CROSS



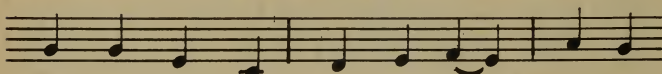
Faith-ful cross, O tree all beau-teous, Tree all



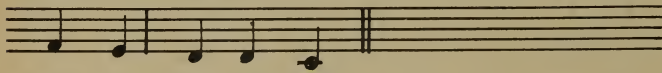
peer-less and di-vine. Not a grove on earth



can show us Such a flow'r and leaf as thine.



Sweet the nails and sweet the wood, La-den



with so sweet a load.

2. Sing, my tongue, the Savior's glory;
Tell His triumph far and wide;
Tell aloud the famous story
Of His body crucified;
How upon the cross a victim,
Vanquishing in death, He died.
3. Such the order God appointed
When for sin He would atone;
To the serpent thus opposing
Schemes yet deeper than his own;
Thence the remedy procuring,
Whence the fatal wound had come.

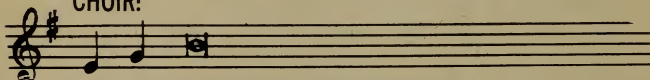
4. So when now at length the fullness
Of the sacred time drew nigh;
Then the Son, the world's Creator,
Left His Father's throne on high;
From a Virgin's womb appearing,
Clothed in our mortality.
5. Thus did Christ to perfect manhood
In our mortal flesh attain;
Then of his free choice he goeth
To a death of bitter pain;
And as a lamb, upon the altar
Of the Cross, for us is slain.
6. Lofty tree, bend down thy branches,
To embrace thy sacred load;
Oh, relax the native tension
Of that all too rigid wood;
Gently, gently bear the members
Of thy dying King and God.
7. Tree, which solely was found worthy
The world's great victim to sustain.
Harbor from the raging tempest!
Ark, that saved the world again!
Tree, with sacred blood anointed
Of the Lamb for sinners slain.
8. Blessing, honor everlasting,
To the immortal Deity;
To the Father, Son, and Spirit,
Equal praises ever be;
Glory through the earth and heaven
To Trinity in Unity. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

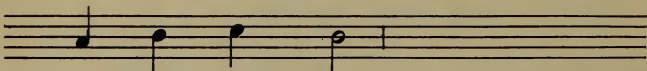
Today, my Savior, more than anything else I can view my reception of you in Holy Communion as a pledge. You died that I might live, that one day I might be joined to you in paradise forever. Your gift to us of yourself in Holy Communion is a sign to us of this promise, that we can be joined to you forever. Let me accept this gift today as the tangible evidence from you of what you have offered me, and never let me forget the price you paid to give it to me.

ALL KNEEL as the Eucharist is carried to the altar.

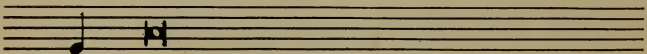
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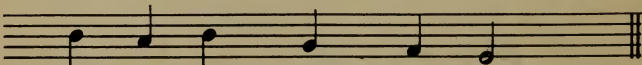
We a- dore you, O Christ,
By a tree we were made slaves,
and by the holy cross
Sav- ior of the world, save us: you, who
by your cross and blood



and we bless you,
we are set free:
have re- deemed us,



be- cause by your holy cross
the fruit of the tree seduced us, the Son of
help us,



you have re- deemed the world.
God has re- deemed us.
we im- plore you, our God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL REMAIN KNEELING and recite together the Lord's Prayer, as a family prayer before the Communion Banquet.

Priest: Let us pray: Taught by our Savior's command and formed by the word of God, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven *
hallowed be thy name; *
thy kingdom come; *
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. *
Give us this day our daily bread; *
and forgive us our trespasses *
as we forgive those who trespass against us; *
and lead us not into temptation, *
but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, from all evils, past and present, and to come, and at the intercession of the Blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mother of God, Mary, of your Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul and Andrew, and of all the Saints, mercifully give peace in our days, that through the help of your loving-kindness we may always be free from sin and safe from all troubles.

Through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God.

ALL: Amen.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy upon you, and forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, absolution, and remission of your sins.

ALL: Amen.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, * behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

ALL (three times): Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. * Speak but the word and my soul will be healed.

ALL KNEEL and recite the following Psalm during the Communion procession.

PSALM 21

Antiphon: They parted my garments amongst them and upon my vesture they cast lots.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,
far from my prayer, * from the words of my
cry?

O my God, I cry out by day, and you answer not;
by night, and there is no relief for me. *

Yet you are enthroned in the holy place,
O glory of Israel!

In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and they escaped;
in you they trusted, and they were not put to
shame.

But I am a worm, not a man!
the scorn of men, despised by the people.

All who see me scoff at me;
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their
heads;

"He relied on the Lord; let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, if he loves him."

You have been my guide since I was first formed,
my security at my mother's breast.

To you I was committed at birth,
From my mother's womb you are my God.

Be not far from me, for I am in distress;
be near, for I have no one to help me.

Many bullocks surround me;
the strong bulls of Basan encircle me.

They open their mouths against me
like ravening and roaring lions.

I am like water poured out;
all my bones are racked.

My heart has become like wax
melting away within my bosom.

My throat is dried up like baked clay,
my tongue cleaves to my jaws;
to the dust of death you have brought me down.

Indeed, many dogs surround me,
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet:
I can count all my bones.

They look on and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me.

Rescue my soul from the sword,
my loneliness * from the grip of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth;
from the horns of the wild bulls, my wretched
life.

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:
"You who fear the Lord, praise him;
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

For he has not spurned nor disdained
the wretched man in his misery,
Nor did he turn his face away from him,
but when he cried out to him, he heard him."
So by your gift will I utter praise in the vast
assembly;
I will fulfill my vows before those who fear
him.

The lowly shall eat their fill;
they who seek the Lord shall praise him:
"May your hearts be ever merry!" *

II

All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord;

All the families of the nations
shall bow down before him.

For dominion is the Lord's,
and he rules the nations.

To him alone shall bow down *

all who sleep in the earth;
Before him shall bend
all who go down into the dust.
And to him my soul shall live;
my descendants shall serve him.
Let the coming generation be told of the Lord
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be
born the justice he has shown.

After communion the following prayers are said by the celebrant.

Let us pray. May your blessing, we beseech you, O Lord, descend abundantly upon your people, who have prayerfully recalled the Passion and Death of your Son, may kindness come upon them, may your consolation be granted to them; may their holy faith increasingly grow, may their eternal redemption be strengthened. Through the same Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, who, by the blessed Passion and Death of Christ have redeemed us: preserve in us the work of your mercy; that, through participation in this mystery, we may live in eternal worship of you. Through the same Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Let us pray. O Lord, remember your goodness, and sanctify your children with everlasting protection, for whom Christ, your Son, by his own Blood, constituted the paschal mystery. Through the same Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

The Celebrant and sacred Ministers return to the sacristy.

Later, the Most Holy Eucharist is carried privately to the place where it is reserved. The Altar is stripped.

The EASTER VIGIL

This is the night, Lord, when we celebrate joyously your glorious resurrection.

This is the night when we celebrate our own resurrection from the depths of sin, our passage from death to life, from darkness to the light of faith through our baptism.

This is the night when we celebrate our yearly sacramental resurrection, when the grace of your resurrection and our baptism is renewed in us. In this springtime of the year the waters of divine life and the warmth of your Father's burning love make the seeds of divine life in us bear rich fruit. Help us to grow, our Savior, like a healthy vine entwining itself in your own Risen life.

THE LIGHT SERVICE

You came, Redeemer of the world, as the life of men and the light of the world. We live now in a gaudy age, when men have largely done away with physical darkness by means of artificial light. The simple ceremony of candles which we are about to repeat again will remind me of the profound truth that you are the Light, and all mankind, in its constant quest to advance, is to understand that you are the ultimate goal. Without you, my life is meaningless. Let me understand that you are to be the light of all my actions and the object of my love.

THE BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE STAND

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Let us pray.

O God, through your Son the cornerstone, you have given the fire of your brightness to your people. Take this new fire struck from stone, and make it holy for our use now. We also ask you to inflame our hearts with heavenly desires through these Easter festivities so that we may be able to come to the eternal brightness with pure souls. Through the same Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

The priest now enkindles the spark that lights the Easter fire, the light of the risen Christ, the great symbol that represents his Person.

The celebrant first carves the first and last letters of the alphabet to remind us that Christ is the eternal one, the beginning and the end, before all time and through ages eternal; and next he places five grains of incense into the candle to represent the glorious wounds through which Christ redeemed us. The priest says:

(1) Christ yesterday and today (*carving the vertical beam*);

(2) the Beginning and the End (*carving the transverse beam*);

(3) the Alpha (*carving the letter A above the vertical beam*);

(4) and the Omega (*carving the letter Ω below the vertical beam*);

(5) His are the seasons (as he carves the first numeral of the current year in the upper left-hand angle of the Cross);

(6) and the ages (as he carves the second numeral of the current year in the upper right-hand angle of the Cross);

(7) to Him be glory and dominion (as he carves the third numeral of the current year in the lower left-hand angle of the Cross);

(8) through endless ages: Amen. (as he carves the fourth numeral of the current year in the lower right-hand angle of the Cross).

The celebrant inserts pieces of incense, saying:

(1) By his wounds holy

(2) and glorious

(3) may he guard

(4) and preserve us

(5) Christ the Lord. Amen.

Then he lights the Candle with a small taper lighted from the new fire, saying:

May the light of Christ risen in glory scatter the darkness of heart and mind.

Then the Celebrant blesses the lighted Candle, saying:

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

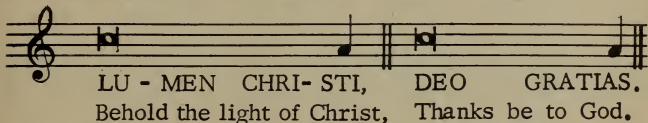
ALL: And with your spirit.

We ask you, Almighty God, that your bountiful blessing come down on this lighted candle. Look down upon it, O invisible cause of life, as it shines in the night. May the candle-sacrifice we offer on this night shine forth with the hidden splendor of your light; and wherever any part of this holy mystery of fire is carried, may the

evildoing of the devil be driven out, and may your majestic power be present. Through Christ our Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

When the Deacon has entered the church, he raises the Easter Candle, and intones: "Behold the Light of Christ," to which everyone falls on his knees in adoration and sings out his response, "Thanks be to God."



Here, the Celebrant lights his own candle from the Paschal Candle.

Proceeding to the middle of the church, the Deacon, again intones in a higher key: "Behold the Light of Christ," to which everyone in the church, genuflecting toward the paschal candle, responds: "Thanks be to God." Here, the candles of the Clergy and the server are lighted from the Paschal Candle.

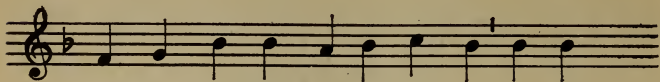
Then, the Deacon proceeds to the Altar, and intones in a still higher key: "Behold the Light of Christ," to which, for the third time, everyone in the church, genuflecting toward the Paschal Candle, responds: "Thanks be to God." Here, all the candles of the people are lighted from the Paschal Candle.

STAND

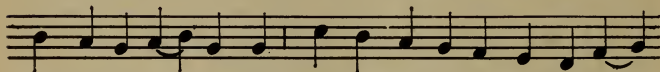
THE EASTER PROCLAMATION — THE EXSULTET

We have seen your light spread to each of us, Lord. We have seen you dispel the darkness all around us. We have seen our temple take on a radiance and splendor that fills us with joy. Now help us to share in the joy of the deacon, who proclaims the Church's most enthusiastic song of the year.

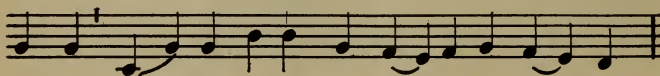
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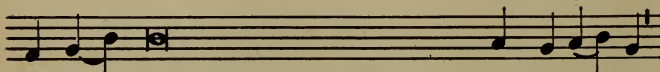
Let heav'n re-joice and an-gels sing of these



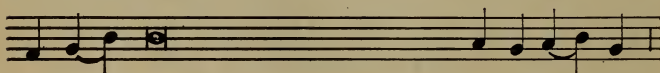
most ho-ly my - steries; and for the on-ly king of vic-



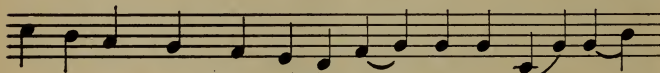
to - ry, sound the herald trum-pet of sal - va - tion.



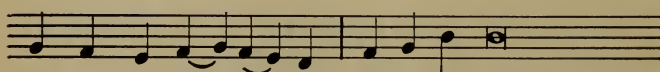
Let earth rejoice in the splendor of this light of glo-ry.



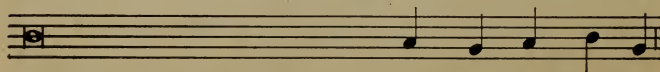
Let earth shine in the splendor of her king e - ter - nal;



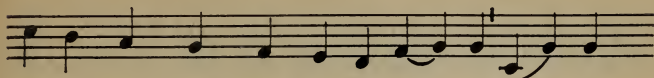
and let the whole wide world thrill with joy, for dark-



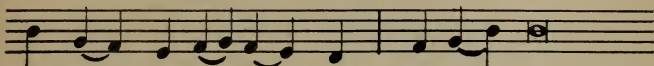
ness has been cast a - side. Ra-di-ant in this bright



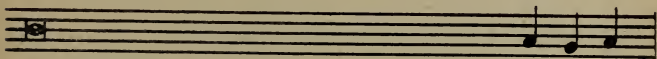
light so marvelous, let Mother Church be filled with joy;



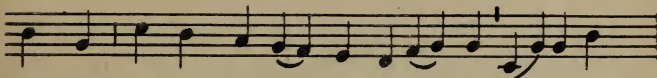
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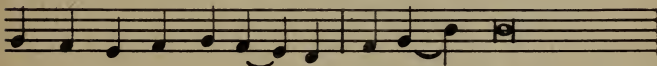
soun~ding with - in these walls. And you, dear broth-



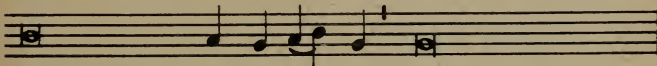
ers, standing a-bout in the marvelous shining of this sa-



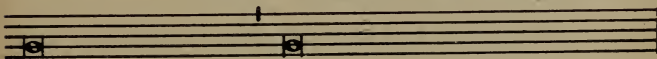
cred light, be one with me now, I beg you, as I ask



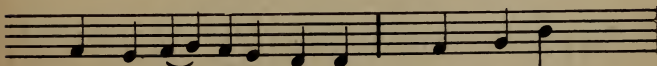
al-might-y God His mer - cy. He brought me to his



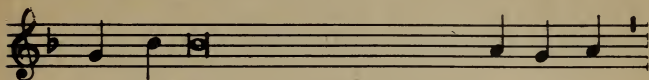
ministry undeserving on my part: may He shed His



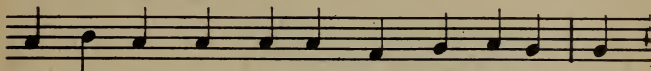
splendid light up-on me that I may honor this candle



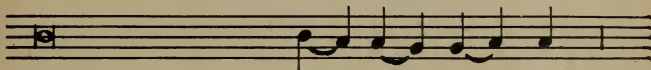
with true and pro - per praises. Through Je-sus



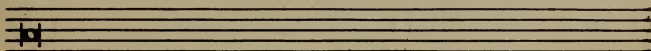
Right and proper it is to praise God/
invisible, almighty Father,
and His only begotten Son,
our Lord Je-sus Christ



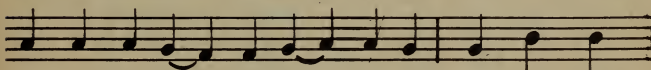
with full heart and mind and match-ing voices. He



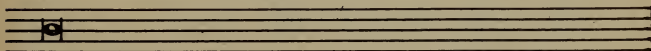
paid Adam's debt to the Fa- ther for us,



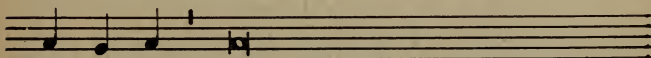
and wiped out the covenant of the first sin/ by pouring



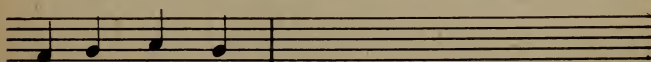
out His own blood for love of us. Yes, in- deed,



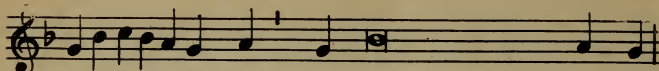
this is the passover feasting/ in which the true



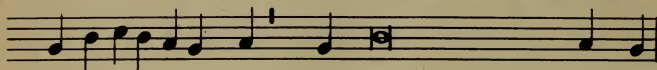
Lamb is slain,/ and whose blood hallows the doorways



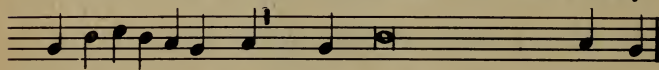
of the faith- ful.



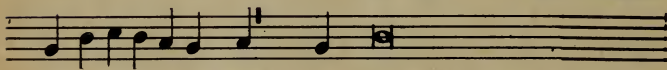
O it is the night! when long ago you led
our fathers, the
children of Is-
rael, out of E-
gypt and dry
shod across the Red Sea.



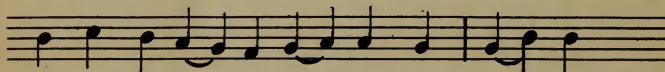
Yes, it is the night! when the pillar of fire
sweeps the
clouds of sin a-way.



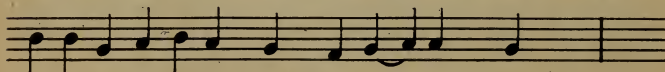
This the night! which sets Christians
free from world-
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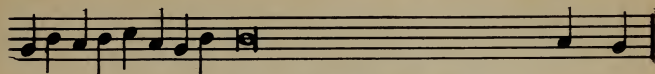
In- deed the night! in which the bonds of death
were sundered by Christ,



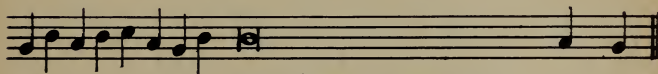
Who rose as vic- tor from the grave. Why should



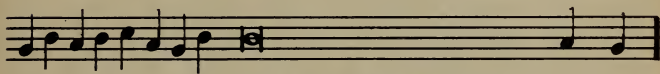
we be born, un- less we be re- deemed?



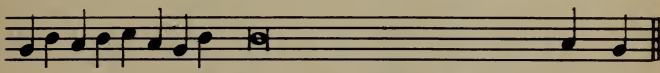
O marvel beyond belief:
your mercy towards us!



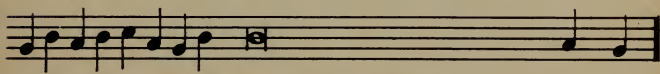
O goodness beyond understanding: to hand a son
over to redeem a slave!



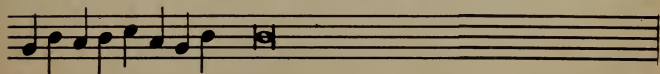
O fault of Adam that must
be, to be blotted out by
Christ's death!



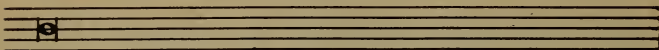
O this happy fault, that
brought so great and
holy a re-deem-er!



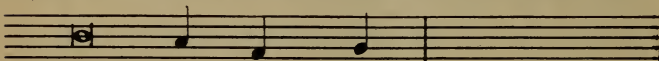
O what a holy night, al-
lowed to know the time
and hour of Christ's resur-rec-tion!



C this is the night! about which it is
written:

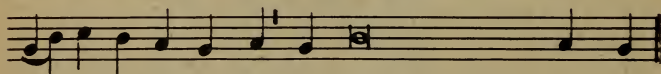


The night shall be as the day, and in my joy the night shall be turned into light. Thus the holiness of this night drives out wickedness, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence and joy to those in sorrow. Hatred does flee, the pact of peace is made, and

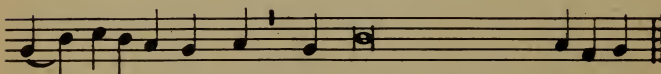


tyrants are brought low.

Accept, O holy Father, in this night of grace, this evening sacrifice of burning light: this candle of beeswax which your holy Church, through her ministers, offers with solemnity. We have heard the praises of this candle which the fire sparks to life to the honor of God. Though the flame was spread to others, from this sharing it lost nothing. It is always fed by melting wax which the bees wrought to make this precious candle.



O truly blessed night, when the Egyptians
did lose all /
and the He-
brews were made rich.



It is the night, when heaven is joined
to earth and the
Godhead to man-kind.

Thus we pray you, O Lord: that this candle blessed to honor your name will burn without loss to dispel the darkness of the night. Welcome this as an offering, pleasing and fragrant, and let it add to the brightness of the heaven's lights. Let the morning star see its glowing light, that Star of Morning who knows no setting, who rose from death and shines serenely on mankind. We pray you, O Lord, on this Easter feast, govern, guide, and protect us your servants; your clergy, your faithful people, our Holy Father (N.), our Bishop (N.), to our days give peace. Look with kindness on those who rule us; give them your love and mercy to direct their thoughts to justice and peace, so that their work done they may come to the heavenly home with all your people. Through the same Jesus Christ, your own true Son, who lives and reigns in union with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

EXTINGUISH CANDLES

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ALL SIT and listen closely to God's Word, which tells us what he has done for us, what he continues to do for us, and what he expects of us who share his life.

First reading:

This reading is the story of your creation, almighty God. The significance of it is that when you created light you dispelled the void of darkness. You brought forth every form of life out of the waters stirred by the Holy Spirit. You watered the barren earth and made it fruitful. Recreate in our hearts, heavenly Father, a full measure of the life of your Risen Son.

STAND AFTER READING

PRIEST: Let us kneel and pray silently Let us rise.

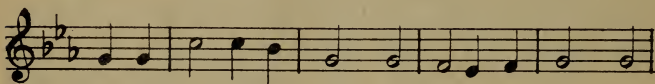
O God, wonderfully you created man, and more wonderfully you redeemed him. We ask you to help us resist with rightness of mind the attractions of sin so that we may gain eternal joys. Through Christ our Lord.

Second reading:

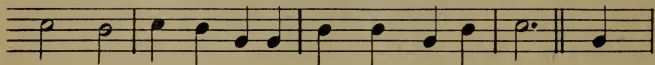
SIT

We will now hear the story of how you led your people to safety. You appeared to them as a pillar of fire which followed them through the darkness. Your people walked safely through the waters of the Red Sea, the same waters which destroyed the enemies of your people. Help us to appreciate what you did for us when you rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of light.

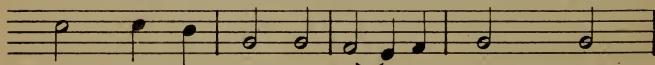
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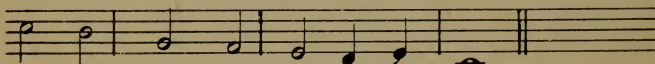
I will sing to the Lord, for He is tri-um-phant;



horse and cha-ri-ot he casts in - to the sea. My



strength and my cour-age is the Lord's and



He has been my Sav - - - ior.

✠. He is my God, I praise him;
the God of my father, I extol him.

**V. The Lord crushes hostile attacks,
Lord is his name!**

STAND

PRIEST: Let us kneel and pray silently. Let us rise.

O God, we still see your miracles of the past renewed again in our own time; because the deliverance you brought to the chosen people you now bring to all nations through the waters of rebirth. Grant that all mankind may become children of Abraham and share the dignity of true Israelites. Through Christ our Lord.

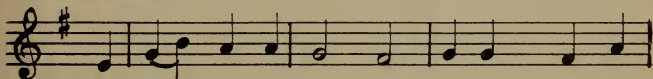
ALL: Amen.

Third reading:

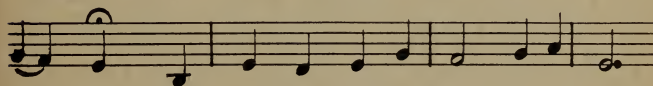
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The prophet Isaia reminds us that we are now your chosen people. We were made holy by you, Lord, who appeared as the flowering of the earth when it was renewed. We look forward to the day when we will stand forever in the radiance of God's light, in the place of his glory.

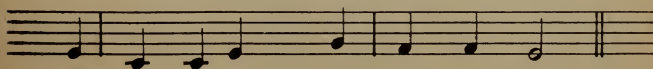
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My friend had a vine- yard on a fer- tile
With- in he built a watch tower and hewed out a



hill- side. He spad- ed it and cleared it of stones
wine press. The vine- yard of the Lord of Hosts,



and plant- ed it with choic- est vines.
is now the house of Is - ra - el.

STAND

PRIEST: Let us kneel and pray silently. Let us rise.

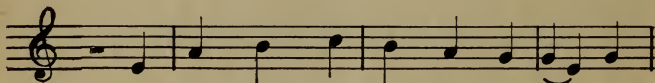
O God, through the voice of the holy prophets you have made known to all the sons of your Church, that you are the sower of good seed and the grower of chosen plants. Grant that your people who have been made your vineyard and your harvest may have the strength to root out all that impedes growth so that they can produce good fruit. Through Christ our Lord.

Fourth reading:

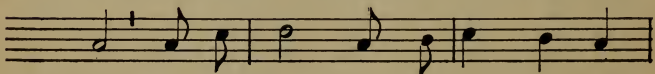
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The final reading tells us that we can be led into the promised land, heaven, by Josue, a figure of you, our Redeemer, only if we have the grace of perseverance and the firm desire not to fail through our weaknesses. Help us not to fail in this resolution.

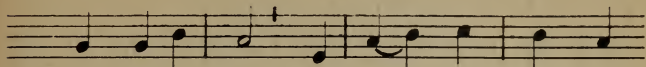
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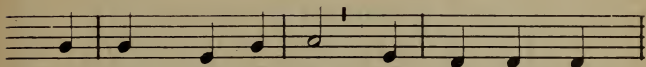
1. Give ear, O you heav-ens, and I will
2. Like rain pour-ing down up- on the
3. The Rock, how fault- less are his



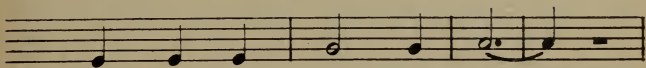
1. speak; let the earth har- ken to the
2. grass, like a show'r rain-ing down on the
3. deeds, how right are all the



1. words of my mouth! May my in- struc- tion
2. crops of the land: For I will sing of
3. ways of the Lord! A faith- ful God,



1. soak in like the rain, and may my words
2. the Lord's re- nown, give voice to the
3. with- out de- ceit, how just and how



1. per- me- ate like the dew,
2. great- ness of our God.
3. up- right is the Lord!

STAND

PRIEST: Let us kneel and pray silently. Let us rise.

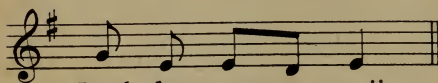
O God, you are the joy of the humble and the strength of the just. Through your holy servant Moses you wished to instruct your people to sing this holy song and in that way to recall the law as a new directive. Stir up your power in all the just ones and give us joy by lessening our fears. Thus through the forgiveness of our sins, what was proclaimed as your vengeance on us will change to our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

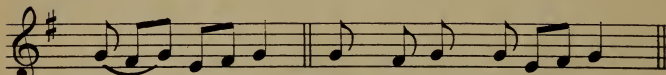
BAPTISMAL SERVICE

The results, my Lord, of all your actions which we have commemorated this week flow to the individual soul in the flood of your grace that begins with baptism. My gratitude for the life of grace that is available to me must include a recognition of the place that baptism has played. Tonight, by the impressive ceremonies with which the Church blesses its baptismal water, I am to see that all your grace comes to us in this physical substance, with the spiritual reality behind it. And knowing this, I will dedicate myself again to the life that baptism demands.

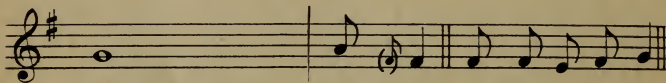
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KNEEL



Lord have mer - cy. *ij.*
 Christ have mer - cy. *ij.*
 Lord have mer - cy. *ij.*

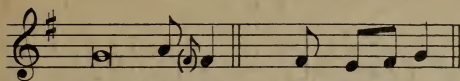


Christ hear us. *ij.* Christ graciously hear us, *ij*



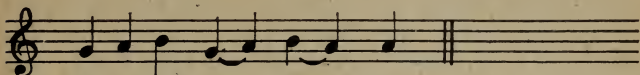
God the Father of HEAV-en, Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer OF the world,
 God the Holy SPIR-it,
 Holy Trinity, ONE God,

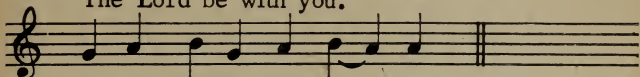


Holy Ma - ry, Pray for us.

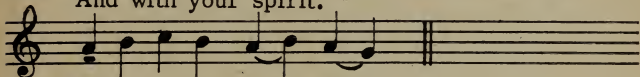
Holy Mother OF God,
 Holy Virgin of VIR-gins,
 St. MI-chael,
 St. GAB-ri-el,
 St. RA-pha-el,
 All you holy angels and arch-AN-gels,
 All you holy ranks of blessed SPI-rits,
 St. John the BAP-tist,
 St. JO-seph
 All you holy patriarchs and PRO-phets,
 St. PE-ter,
 St. PAUL,
 St. AN-drew,
 St. JOHN,
 All you holy apostles and e-VAN-gelists,
 All you holy disciples OF the Lord,
 St. STE-phen,
 St. LAW-rence,
 St. VIN-cent,
 All you holy MAR-tyrs,
 St. Syl-VES-ter,
 St. GREG-o-ry,
 St. Au-GUS-tine,
 All you holy bishops and con-FES-sors
 All you holy DOC-tors,
 St. AN-tho-ny,
 St. BEN-e-dict,
 St. DOM-i-nic,
 St. FRAN-cis,
 All you holy priests and CLER-ics,
 All you holy monks and HER-mits,
 St. Mary MAG-da-len,



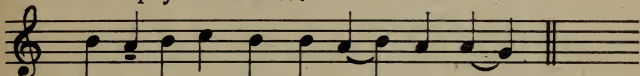
PRIEST: Do-mi-nus vo - bis - cum.
The Lord be with you.



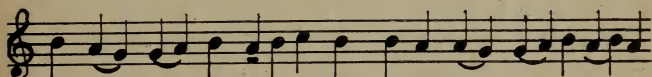
ALL: Et cum spi-ri - tu tu - o.
And with your spirit.



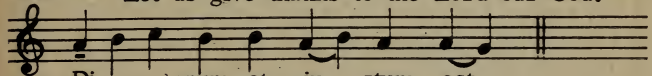
PRIEST: Sur - - sum cor-da.
Lift up your hearts.



ALL: Ha-be - - mus ad Do - mi - num.
We have lifted them up to the Lord.



GRA-TI - as a - ga - mus Do-mi-no De-o nostro.
PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



ALL: Di - - gnum et ju - stum est.
It is meet and just.

Indeed, it is right and proper, our duty and for our salvation, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, for your hidden power by which you give such marvelous effect in your sacraments; though we are unworthy to celebrate these holy mysteries, your presence in your grace is not wanting, and even to such prayers as ours, You turn the ears of your mercy. O God, it was your spirit that stirred the waters at the beginning, that water have the power of making holy, and the power to bring forth life. O God, through water

you washed away the sins of a world all guilty, yet by this torrential flood, you did prefigure the means of a new birth. And so this very same element wrought in mystery the end of wickedness and the beginning of virtue. O Lord, look on the face of your Church, and in her increase the number of regenerations, to make Your city glad with the torrent of your grace; to open there the font of baptism for the renewal of all men that by your divine command she may receive the grace of your only-begotten Son from the Holy Spirit.

[cuts cross in water]

May the Holy Spirit, by the secret pouring in of his divine power, impregnate this water, that sons of heaven may be born anew in holiness, and come forth from this spotless womb, a new creation. Though they differ in looks, in age and in sex, may they all alike be brought forth the children of grace. O Lord, command every evil spirit to stay away from this element, that it may be far removed from all of Satan's snares. O Lord, do not let the enemy's power work in this place; do not ever let him surround it nor have sneak entry, nor stain it with corruption.

[touches water]

O Lord, may your creature, water, be pure and holy, kept free from the assault of the enemy and cleansed by the casting out of every spot of evil. Make it a living font; a life-giving water, a stream that purifies: that all who are cleansed by this bath of salvation will through the work within them of the Holy Spirit receive the grace of perfect forgiveness.

[sign of the cross over the water]

Then, O creature of water, I bless you by the living God, by the true God, by the God all-holy, by God who in the beginning separated you from the dry land by his word and stirred you by his Spirit.

[divides water, sprinkles in four directions]

He made you flow out of Paradise, to divide into four streams and water the whole earth. He changed your bitter taste in the desert into a drink of sweet taste, and made you gush out of a rock, to satisfy the thirst of his people. Then do I bless you through Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who at Cana in Galilee made you a marvelous sign by changing you to wine by his almighty power. Upon you he walked and was baptized in you by John in the Jordan. And you flowed out of his side mixed with his blood. He commanded his disciples to baptize in you when he told them: "Go, teach all the nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

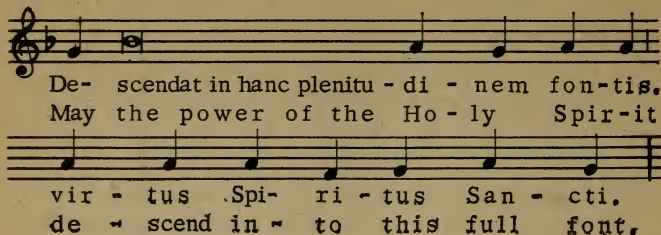
Almighty and merciful God, be present with us who observe these precepts; in your kindness inspire us.

[breathes three times on the water in the form of a cross]

Bless with Your mouth these plain waters, that besides their natural power of cleansing they may prove useful for the purification of souls.

[dips the candle a little in the water and sings:]

To call attention to the most important moment in the consecration of the baptismal water, the priest sings three times on different pitches the prayer to the Holy Spirit.



[then breathes three times over the water in the form of the tree of life: Ψ then continues]

And impregnate this water through and through with power to give new life.

[removes candle from water and continues]

Here may every stain of sin be washed away; here may human nature created in your image be restored to your Honor, cleansed from every defilement of old: thus may every man who receives this sacrament of new birth be born again a child of perfect innocence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who will come with fire to judge the living and the dead and the world.

ALL: Amen.

[removes some of the water for sprinkling the people after the renewal of baptismal promises, and for use in homes and other places.]

Then the celebrant pours in some of the Oil of Catechumens, in the form of a cross, saying:]

May this font be sanctified † and made fruitful by the oil of salvation, for those who will be born again in it for life everlasting.

ALL: Amen.

[pours in some Chrism in the form of a cross, saying:]

May this mixing of Chrism of our Lord Jesus Christ, † and the Holy Spirit the Paraclete, be made in the name of the Holy Trinity.

ALL: Amen.

[now pours from both containers, Chrism and Oil of Catechumens, in the form of a cross, saying:]

May this mixture of the Chrism of salvation, and of the oil of anointing, and of the water of baptism, be made in the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

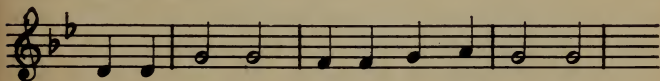
ALL: Amen.

[stirs the oils into the water]

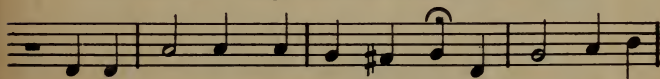
This is the time for baptizing any candidates. The preliminary ceremonies may be done beforehand, and the ceremony here begins with the final scrutiny.

After the blessing, and after the baptism if there are any, the baptismal water is carried in procession to the font. The Paschal Candle remains in place.

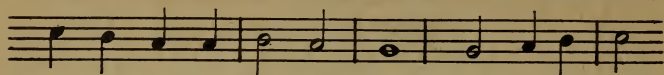
During the procession the following canticle is sung by the choir or cantor.



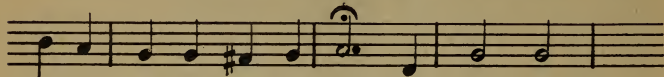
As the deer longs for the run-ning wa- ters,



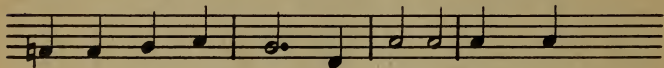
so my soul longs for you my God. A - thirst is my



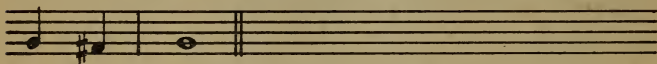
soul for God, the liv- ing God. When shall I go



and be-hold the face of God? My tears are



food both day and night, they say to me, 'Where



is your God.

[after the water has been poured into the font:]

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Almighty, eternal God, look with kindness on the devotion of these, your people, coming to be born again. Like the deer, they are seeking the font of your waters. Mercifully grant that their thirsting faith may sanctify them in body and spirit through the mystery of baptism. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

[incenses the font and the procession returns to the sanctuary in silence]

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Just as your resurrection, Savior of the world, is made present for us in our baptism, the grace of our own baptism which we received once comes back to us again tonight through the sacramental rites of this Easter night.

ALL STAND and light candles as the celebrant begins the renewal:

In this most sacred night, dear brethren, holy Mother Church recalls the death and burial of our Lord Jesus Christ. In return for his great love, she keeps watch. And, celebrating his glorious resurrection, she is filled with an exceeding joy.

But, as the Apostle teaches, by baptism we have been buried with Christ into death. As Christ has risen from the dead, so we too must walk now in newness of life. For we know that our old self has been crucified with Christ, so that we may no longer be slaves to sin. Let us, then, remember that we have died to sin, but are to live for God, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Therefore, dear brethren, having completed the Lenten observance, let us renew the promises of holy baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works, as well as that world which is the enemy of God, and promised to serve God faithfully in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

PRIEST: Do you renounce Satan?

ALL: We do renounce him.

PRIEST: And all his works?

ALL: We do renounce them.

PRIEST: And all his allurements?

ALL: We do renounce them.

PRIEST: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

ALL: We do believe.

PRIEST: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born into this world and who suffered?

ALL: We do believe.

PRIEST: Do you believe also in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

ALL: We do believe.

PRIEST: Now let us pray to God together, as our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us to pray:

ALL: Our Father, etc., aloud.

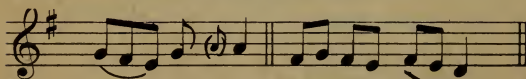
PRIEST: And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by means of water and the Holy Spirit and forgiven all our sins, keep us by his grace in the same Christ Jesus our Lord, so that we may have life everlasting. **ALL: Amen.**

The celebrant sprinkles the people with holy water.

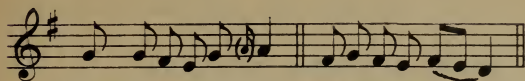
SECOND PART OF THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Cantors or the celebrant himself sing the second part of the Litany, while

ALL KNEEL and sing the responses

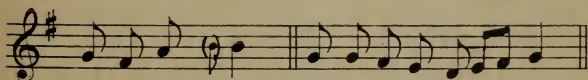


Be mer-ci-ful, Spare us, Lord,
Be mer-ci-ful, Hear us, Lord.

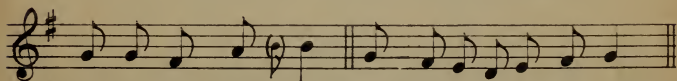


From every e- vil, **Deliver us, Lord.**

From e-ve-ry SIN,
From e-ver-LAST-ing death,
Through the mystery of your ho-ly In-car-NA-tion,
Through your COM-ing,
Through YOUR birth,
Through your baptism and ho-ly FAST-ing,
Through your cross and PAS-sion,
Through your *death* and BUR-i-al,
Through your holy re-sur-REC-tion,
Through your wonder-ful as-CEN-sion,
Through the coming of the Holy Spirit *the* Con-
SO-ler,
In the *day* of JUDG-ment,



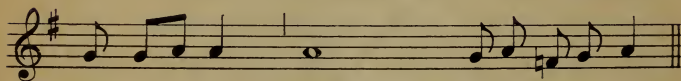
Sin-ners that we are, We ask you to hear us.



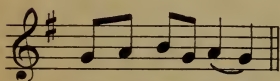
That you would pardon us, This we ask you, hear our prayer.

That you would govern and preserve *your* HO-ly Church,
That you would preserve the Apostolic Pope
and all ranks in the Church in holy *re-LIG-ion*,

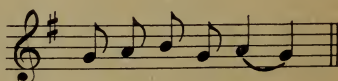
That you would humble the enemies of HO-ly
Church,
That you would give peace and true
union of hearts to Christian Kings and RU-lers,
That you would strengthen and keep us
in your ho-ly SER-vice,
That you would repay with everlasting
goods all who have *done* GOOD to us.
That you would give and preserve the *fruits* OF
the earth,
That you would grant eternal rest
to all the faithful *de*-PART-ed,
That you would list-en TO us,



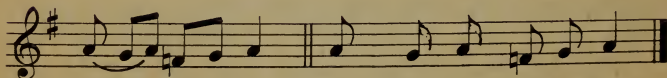
Lamb of God you who take away the sins of the world
(Sung three times)



1. Spare us Lord.
2. Hear us Lord.



3. Have mercy on us.



Christ hear us: Christ gra-cious-ly hear us.

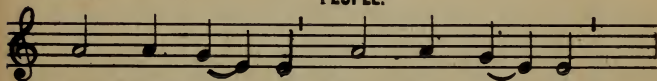
THE MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL

The bitter events of this past week culminate in the triumph of the resurrection. May I understand that the events of this week in your life, my Lord, are to be a mirror of my own life. I, too, am to be dedicated to the will of the Father. And if I follow that will, I will share in the conquest of death by living with you forever. You have made me with a longing for immortality, and now you have shown me how to achieve it. With you, by following in your footsteps, I will have it. Never abandon me, my God, or let the vision of ultimate triumph with you fade away under the press of temptation or trouble. I renew my intention to live with you. I dedicate myself to your kingdom.

At the end of the Litany, ALL STAND and sing the Kyrie

CHOIR:

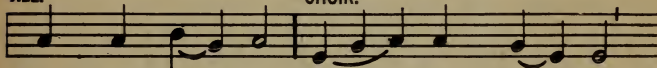
PEOPLE:



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

ALL:

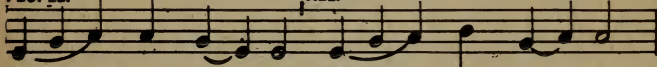
CHOIR:



Lord, have mer-- cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

PEOPLE:

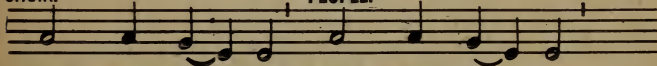
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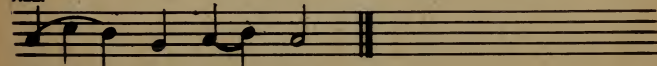
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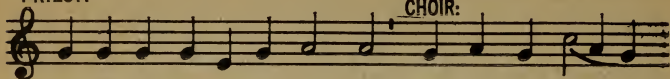
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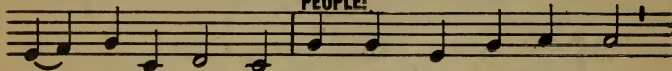
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PRIEST:



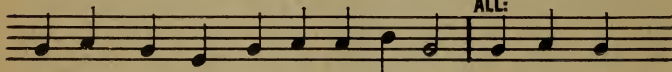
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace

PEOPLE:



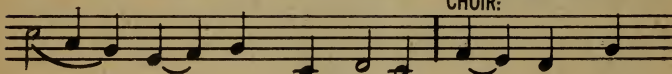
to men of good will. We praise you. We bless you.

ALL:



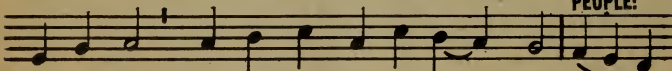
We wor-ship you. We glo-ri- fy you. We give you

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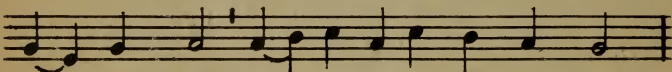


thanks for your great glo-ry. Lord God, hea-

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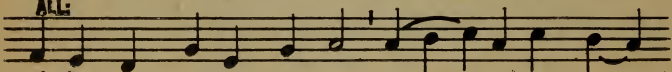


ven-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al- migh - ty. Lord



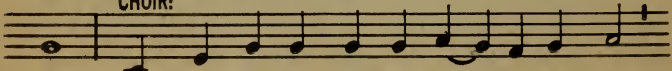
Je - sus Christ, the on- ly be- got- ten Son.

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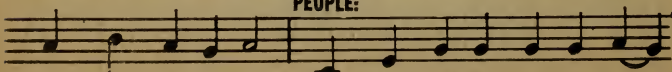
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-

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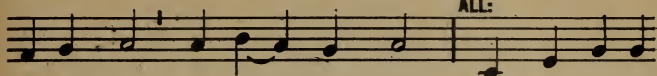
ther. You, who take a- way the sins of the world,

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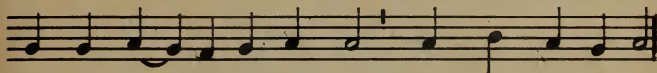


have mer- cy on us. You, who take a- way the sins

ALL:



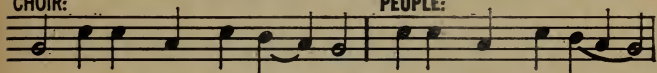
of the world, re- ceive our prayer. You, who sit at



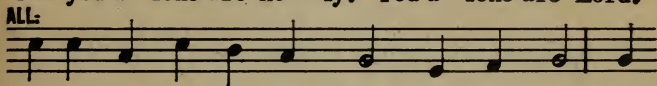
the right hand of the Fa- ther, have mer- cy on us.

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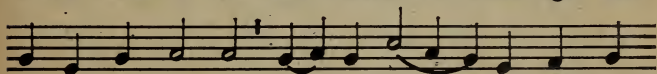
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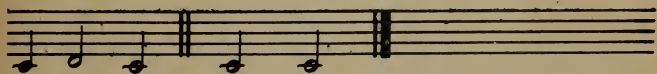
For you a- lone are ho - ly. You a- lone are Lord.



You a- lone, O Je- sus Christ, are most high. With



the Ho- ly Spir- it, in the glo- - - ry of God



the Fa- ther. A - men.

COLLECT

PRIEST: Dominus vobiscum.

ALL: Et cum spiritu tuo.

PRIEST: Let us pray.

O God, you brighten this most sacred night by the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve the spirit of adoption in the new branch of your family. May they show a steadfast spirit in your service. Through the same Christ our Lord. Per omnia saecula saeculorum: Forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

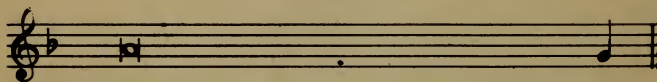
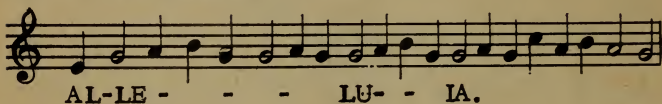
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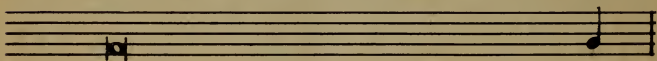
Your rising from the dead, Lord, was not for you alone, but for us. St. Paul tells us that we have risen with you, and we are destined to be with you in glory.

ALLELUIA CHANT

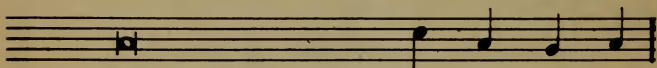
ALL STAND and repeat the Alleluia chant on the same tone as the celebrant.



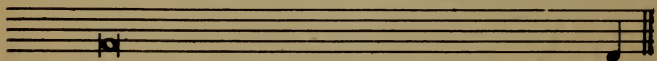
2. Praise the Lord, all you na - tions;



2. glorify him all you peo- ples !



2. For steadfast is his kind-ness toward us.



2. and the fidelity of the Lord endures forever.

THE GOSPEL

DEACON (or PRIEST): The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

DEACON (or PRIEST): ✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

ALL: Glory to You, O Lord.

The angel speaks of you here, Lord, as "Jesus, the Crucified" although he is speaking of you as a Person risen from the dead. Your identity throughout history is "The Crucified", for the exaltation of your resurrection came only because you submitted to the will of the Father in all things.

HOMILY

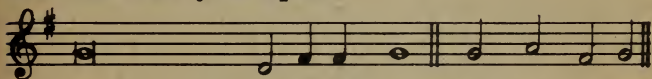
SIT

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

STAND

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.



In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, the stability of the holy churches of God, and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord have mercy.**

For this holy church, and for those who come to it with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord have mercy.**

For his Holiness the Universal Pontiff N. . . ., Pope of Rome, our Bishop N. . . ., the venerable order of priests, the deacons in Christ, all the clergy and the people, Let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord have mercy.**

For all of us who offer ourselves with Christ in sincere worship to our heavenly Father, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord have mercy.**

For those who have been born again this night by water—the new life of the Risen Savior, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord have mercy.**

For all who celebrate the mystery of Christ's Resurrection, that we may share in a full measure of his glory, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

PRIEST: Grant we ask you, almighty God, that we who have been celebrating the Paschal festivities, may in your goodness always be influenced by them in our lives: through Christ our Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

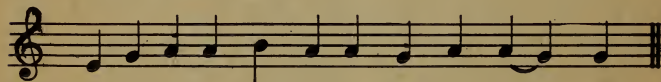
OFFERTORY

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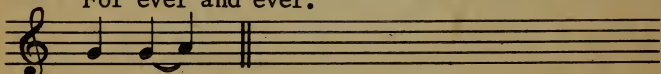
There is no offertory antiphon for this Mass. During the offertory of this Mass all should realize with joy that the gifts of bread and wine on the altar will truly become Christ, our Paschal Lamb, the food of life to accomplish our resurrection from the death of sin.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, we ask you to accept the prayers of your people together with their offerings. May we attain our eternal salvation through our initiation into these Easter mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.



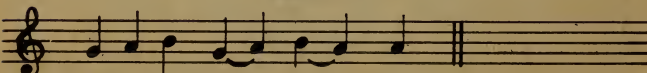
PRIEST: Per om-ni-a sae-cu-la sae-cu-lo-rum.
For ever and ever.



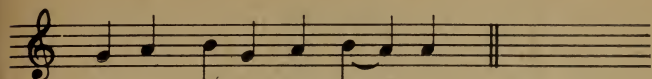
ALL: A - men.

The Eucharistic Prayer

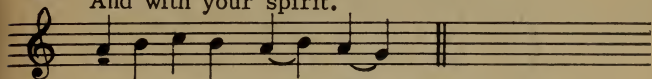
PREFACE



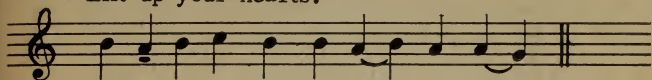
PRIEST: Do-mi-nus vo-bis-cum.
The Lord be with you.



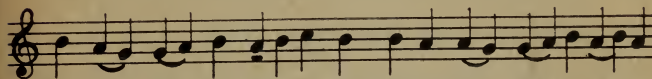
ALL: Et cum spi-ri - tu tu - o.
And with your spirit.



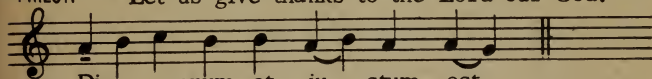
PRIEST: Sur - - sum cor- da.
Lift up your hearts.



ALL: Ha-be - - mus ad Do - mi - num.
We have lifted them up to the Lord.



Gra-ti - as a - ga - - mus Domi-no De-o nostro.
PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



ALL: Di - - gnum et ju - stum est.
It is meet and just.

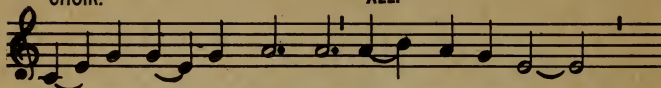
It is fitting indeed and just, right and helpful to salvation, for us always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, but especially on this night exalted above all others, on which Christ, our Paschal Lamb, was sacrificed. He is the True Lamb, who has taken away the sins of the world; who by dying has destroyed the death that awaits us, and by rising has restored life to us. United, therefore, with the angels and archangels, the thrones and dominions, and the entire army of heaven, we sing a hymn to your glory saying unceasingly

SANCTUS

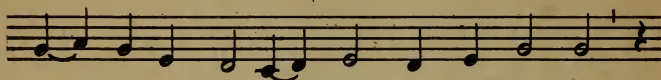
ALL KNEEL

CHOIR:

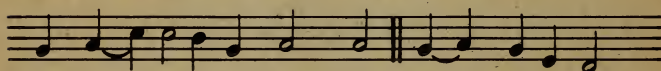
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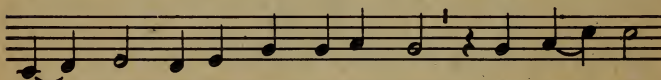
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.



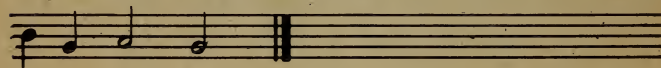
Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He



who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



in the high - est.

THE HOLY CANON

KNEEL

Father of mercy, we pray and ask you through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to accept and bless these creature-gifts, holy and unspotted.

First of all, we offer them—for your Holy Church; give her peace, guidance, protection, and unity with all men—for your servants, the Pope, our Bishop, and All true teachers who guard the faith of the apostles and the Church.

Next, remember, Father, all of your servants now living N. . . and N. . .

Remember those present whom you know well.

We offer this sacrifice for them, they offer this sacrifice for themselves and theirs, one for another, for redemption, the fulfillment of their hope.

Together as one, celebrating the most sacred night of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bring to mind the Virgin-Mother, Mary, Joseph, her spouse, the apostles and martyrs.

Let their merits and prayers constantly bring us the help of your power and protection.

God our Father, please accept this offering of the servants of your altar and your whole family, the Church, which we offer especially for those reborn of water and the Holy Spirit and order peace for our days, save us from punishment without end. Put us among those whom you choose.

This offering, O God, bless it, accept it, approve it, make it perfect, make it worthy, so that it may become the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We call to mind, Almighty Father, the night before our Lord, Jesus Christ, suffered, when he took bread with his apostles, gave thanks to you, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his apostles, He said: Take it, eat it, all of you:

FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

Similarly, after the meal, when He took the cup of wine, gave thanks to You, blessed the wine

and handed it to his apostles and said: Take it, drink of it, all of you:

FOR THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD
OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT
(THE MYSTERY OF FAITH)
WHICH SHALL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU
AND FOR ALL MEN
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

As many times as you do this, do it in my
memory.

So, Heavenly Father, remembering the Passion of your Son, his Resurrection from the grave, his return from the place of the just, his ascension to glory, we, your servants and your holy people offer to your Majesty a sacrifice that is perfect, holy, without spot, the Holy Bread of Life, and the Cup of Salvation; all this is yours to begin with and ours only as your gift.

Please look with favor on these offerings. Accept them as you did the offerings of our ancestors in sacrifice: our father, Abraham, your servant, Abel, your high priest, Melchisedech, who also offered bread and wine.

Almighty God, we humbly ask you to command your angel to take these offerings to the altar of heaven before your Majesty, so that all of us who eat and drink of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at this altar will have grace and blessings from heaven.

Remember all your servants now departed, N. & N. They have gone now, sealed in faith to sleep in peace.

Lord God, give light, peace, and happiness to those who rest in Christ.

All of us who stand in Christ's stead are sinners, yet servants who trust in your mercy.

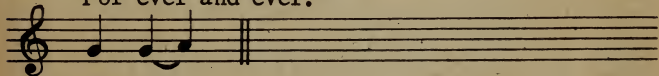
Please grant us fellowship with your apostles, and martyrs, and all your saints. Through your forgiveness grant us their company. Through Christ Our Lord, you create all good things and make them holy.

Now give them life, bless them, bestow them on us.

With all these good things and wonderful works brought together in our Lord, Jesus Christ, do we through him and with him, and in him give to you, God, Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and all glory forever.



PRIEST: Per om-ni-a sae-cu-la sae-cu-lo-rum.
For ever and ever.



ALL: A - men.

The Eucharistic Banquet

STAND

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us pray: Taught by our Savior's command and formed by the word of God, we dare to say:

THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, * behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

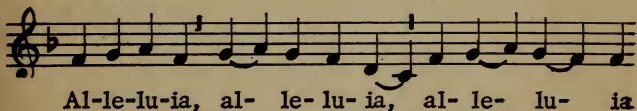
ALL (three times): Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. * Speak but the word and my soul will be healed.

ALL sing "Where Charity and Love Prevail," page 36.

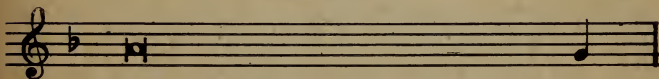
LAUDS

ALL STAND during the Church's official morning prayer, Lauds. Since Lauds is a prayer of thanksgiving for Christ's Resurrection, we conclude our Easter Vigil Service with this act of gratitude.

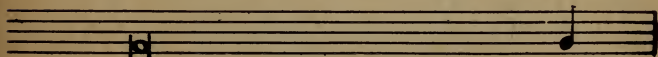
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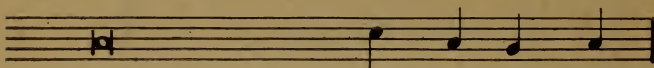
Psalm 150



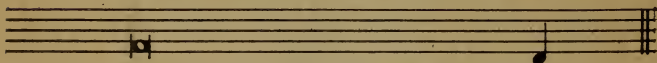
- 1 Praise the Lord in his sanctuar- y,
- 2 Praise him with the blast of the trum-pet,
- 3 Praise him with sounding cym- bals,
- 4 Glory be to the Father and to the Son,



- 1 praise him in the firmament of his strength,
- 2 praise him with lyre and harp,
- 3 praise him with clanging cym- bals,
- 4 and to the Holy Spi- rit.

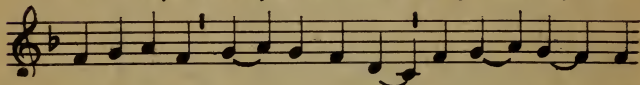


- 1 Praise him for his migh-ty deeds,
 2 Praise him with tim- brel and harp,
 3 Let every- thing that has breath
 4 As it was in the
 beginning, is now and ev- er shall be,



- 1 praise him for his sovereign majes-ty.
 2 praise him with strings and pipe.
 3 praise the Lord!
 4 world without end. A- men.

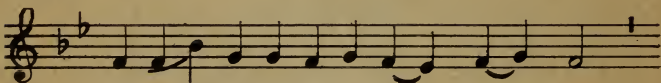
III. The Antiphon (triple alleluia) is repeated by all.



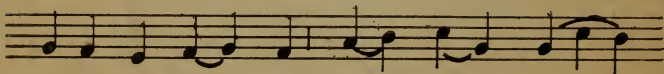
Al-le-lu-ia, al- le-lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia

IV. Benedictus Antiphon.

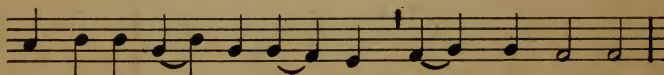
CHOIR:



And ve- ry ear-ly in the morn- ing

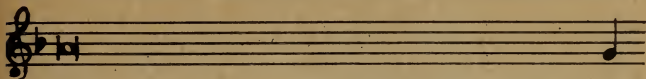


Af-ter the Sab- bath, they came to

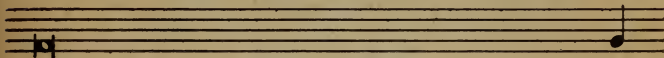


the se-pul- chre at sun- rise al- le-lu- ia.

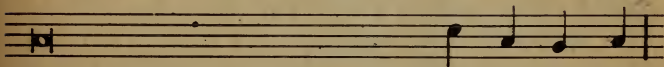
V. Benedictus. The altar is incensed while all sing the following canticle.



1 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Isra- el,
 2 As he promised through the mouths of his holy ones,
 3 He has fulfilled his kindness to our Fa- thers,
 4 That delivered from the hands of our ene- mies,
 5 And you, O child, shall be called
 6 To give to his people knowledge of salva- tion
 7 To shine on those who sit in darkness and
 the shadow of death,
 8 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 because he has visited and wrought
 redemption for his peo- ple,
 2 the prophets from of old:
 3 and been mindful of his holy coven- ant
 4 we should serve him without fear
 5 the prophet of the Most High;
 6 through forgiveness of their sins,
 7 to guide our feet into the way of peace.
 8 and to the Holy Spi- rit.

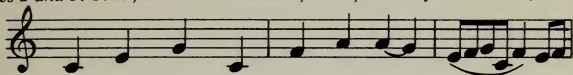


1 And has raised up a horn of sal- va- tion for us
 2 Salvation from our en- em- ies
 3 In the oath to Abra- ham our fa- ther,
 4 In holiness and just- ice be- fore him
 5 For you shall go before be- fore the Lord
 6 Because of the compassionate kind-ness of our God
 7 (choir begins "Glory be, etc.")
 8 As it was in the beginning, is now,
 and ev- er shall be,

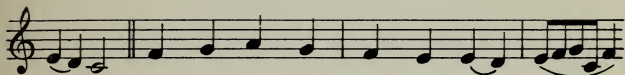
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Bohemian carol, 14th cent.
Tr. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708
Verses 2 and 3: 1749, alt.

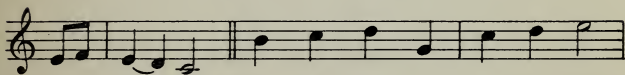
Altered, 1749, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708



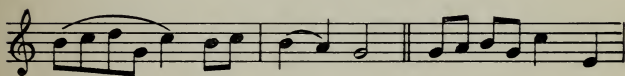
1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, al - le -
3. But the pains which he en-dured,



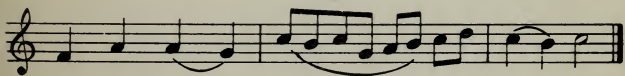
Our tri-umph-ant ho - ly day,
lu - ia! Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, al -
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,



Who did once up - on the cross,
le - lu - ia! Who en - dured the cross and grave,
Now he rules, e - ter - nal King,



al - - le - lu - ia! Suf - fer to re -
Sin - ners to re -
Where the an - gels



1. deem our loss,
2. deem and save, al - - le - lu - ia!
3. ev - er sing,

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